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Northwest handed heavy budget cut next year

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Gov. Bob Holden encouraged the people of Missouri to rise up and meet the challenges before the State together Wednesday in his State of the State address.

Hard economic times have come, in part, from a recession, and have been made even more difficult as a result of the events of Sept. 11.

Despite limited funding, Gov. Holden promised to balance the budget without raising taxes. He intends to do this beginning with \$480 million in core budget cuts.

While education of K-12 children is a top priority on Holden's agenda, he said nothing of his goals for higher edu-

cation.

"We're terribly disappointed that the words 'higher education' were never even spoken in this morning's State of the State address," said Ken White, vice president for communication and marketing. "There's no excuse for that."

Cuts to the budget in the area of higher education come as no surprise to Northwest Missouri Senator David Klindt. He said if the revenue continues to decline, more cuts will probably be made as the state moves through this.

"Times like these should really bring us back to our priorities," Klindt said. "When we look at the priorities that we should have in state government, it should be education, transportation

and public safety."

"... those are the three major things that should always be funded at an adequate level," he said.

There is a 10 percent across-the-board core cut to the budget for Missouri colleges and universities.

That cut translates into about \$3.2 million for Northwest, White said. These cuts apply to the 2003 fiscal year. The \$3.2 million cut can be reduced, however.

According to University President Dean Hubbard, of the \$2.1 million cut from the University budget this year, \$1.1 million can be considered "core reductions." These cuts may be subtracted from the projected \$3.2 million, creating a cut of \$2.1 million for the

upcoming year.

The cuts are widespread, dealing each state institution of higher learning a blow. However, colleges and universities are dealing with the cuts to their best abilities, White said.

"I think all of the schools across the state, we're all in the same boat, because we've received the same percentage cuts, and we'll get it done," White said.

White was unable to say how students and programs at Northwest will be affected by the reductions but said cuts that were already made will provide some relief, making the situation "not nearly as bad as it might sound."

"When the president's cabinet gets together, the student always comes

first," White said. "We will always consider the student's best interest with every move we make."

The \$5 per credit hour surcharge for the spring and summer trimesters was a result of cuts from 2001. Those charges were to offset the projected budget shortfalls.

There are no plans to extend that surcharge as of now, White said.

"We've been down this road before," White said. "It's been over a decade. We've seen some tough times occasionally, and every indicator you see from economists says we're coming out of this slump as a state and as a nation. So we'll be fine. We'll definitely rebound, but we may just have to kind of tighten our belts for the next year."

Gov. Holden's main points:

■ Redoubling the effort to reduce government waste

■ Children, the elderly and the disabled are not to be forgotten.

■ Continue building Missouri's future despite the challenges.

■ Keep education of children K-12 fully funded for public schools.



Northwest senior forward Chris Borchers goes for a layup in Wednesday night's 78-54 victory over the Central Missouri State University Mules. The Bearcats were led by senior guard Jerry Hudson's team-high 22 points. The win improves the Bearcats' record to 16-0 overall and 9-0 in the MIAA. Northwest is ranked No. 5 in the current Division II National Rankings and is rated No. 1 in the South Central Region poll. The top six teams in the poll make it to the Division II National Tournament.

PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

One game at a time

Bearcats are off to an undefeated 16-0 start and a No. 5 ranking this season thanks to hard work, unselfishness and dedication

By JUSTIN BUSH
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Hard work, unselfishness, discipline and team chemistry are all the major components that have gone into the mixing pot to make this year's Northwest men's basketball team a success.

The 'Cats have started out the season 16-0, the school's best start since the 1939-1940 team, who started the season with 22 victories.

The 1940 team attributed much of the same reasons to their success that today's team does.

"We just had a lot of experience," said former team captain Bob Rogers. "We all worked hard together. We went undefeated in the regular season before, losing the second or third game of the national tournament down in Kansas City."

The only basketball team in Northwest history to ever finish the season with an untarnished record was the 1930 team that finished the season 31-0. This year's team is not setting their sites on an undefeated season quite yet.

"The streak is not something that we are worried about a whole lot," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We just feel fortunate that we have gotten off to good start. We have gone through seven games and survived with four good road wins and anytime you win on the road you feel good. I think the way we are trying to approach this is not to focus on the streak, but on how we are playing."

Tappmeyer and the team have attributed hard work and unselfishness as the two biggest reasons behind the team's success thus far.

"We practice hard and we have great team chemistry," sophomore Kelvin Parker said. "Some teams, when they start to get to this point, they start to get selfish and think what can they do for themselves. With us it is what can we do for the team?"

The team's unselfish ways are what Tappmeyer says makes this team a good one to coach.

"I am just very fortunate, it is just such an easy team to coach," Tappmeyer said. "The unselfishness is there and that is a real rare thing in today's game. There is such a tendency to want to get credit for things. Who's the star? Who's the leader? I think it is healthy to have a number of different leaders."

The player's chemistry is something that extends outside the locker room and beyond the basketball court.

"We do a lot of things together off the floor that helps create a family atmosphere," junior Archie Jeter said. "We all pretty much have an open house and the guys will get together if there is a game on and watch it."

It is that family atmosphere off the court that leads to the player's trust and confidence in each other on the court.

"There is no doubt that we are a very close team outside of the sport," junior Scott Fleming said. "We trust each other and that leads to success on the court."

This team believes that instead of looking ahead to the post season it is more important to look ahead to the next game.

"We have to come out emotionally ready for each game," Jeter said. "That is the most important thing and our biggest challenge. Not the streak or games ahead of us, but just getting ready for the next game as it comes along."

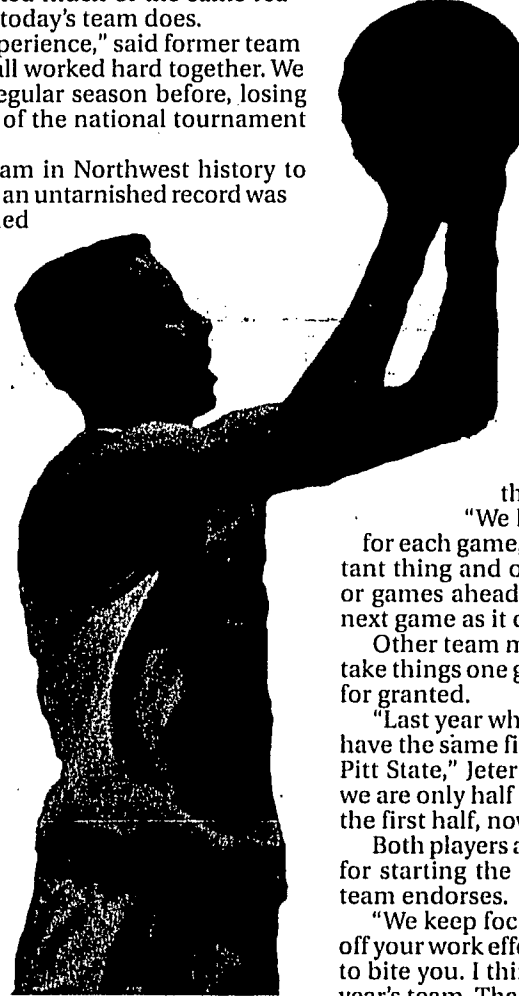
Other team members agree that it is important to take things one game at a time and not take any team for granted.

"Last year when we lost to Truman State we didn't have the same fire that we had against, Mo. West and Pitt State," Jeter said. "Our biggest challenge is that we are only half way through the season. We did well the first half, now we have to do it again."

Both players and coaches' credit last season's team for starting the unselfish chemistry that this year's team endorses.

"We keep focused," Tappmeyer said. "If you drop off your work effort a little bit, it is going to come back to bite you. I think that they were taught well by last year's team. That was an unselfish team."

"We like to look at ourselves as a family that there may be times that they have little conflicts within themselves, but they stick up for each other just like they were brothers, and that is the atmosphere that we like to have. I am fortunate to have a good bunch of people."



Series to feature renowned writer

By LAURA PEARL
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Almost 30 years after the Washington Post broke the Watergate scandal through a series of investigative news articles, a key reporter in the investigation will speak at the Performing Arts Center.



CARL BERNSTEIN
FEATURED SPEAKER

Carl Bernstein, half of the infamous reporting team of Woodward and Bernstein, will address campus and community members at 8 p.m. Jan. 28 in The Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Bernstein began working at the Washington Post in 1966. In the summer of 1972, he teamed with fellow Post reporter Robert Woodward to investigate a break-in at the Democratic National Committee's headquarters. It was from this event the two reporters launched a series of investigative Watergate articles

that spanned more than two years and culminated with the resignation of President Richard Nixon.

The pair co-authored the books "All the President's Men" and "The Final Days" and won the Pulitzer Prize.

Bernstein has worked for ABC-TV and has served as a correspondent and contributor to a number of publications, including The New York Times, Rolling Stone, Time and Newsweek.

Northwest will bring Bernstein to campus as part of its Distinguished Lecture Series. The participants in the series are selected months ahead of time, said Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities.

Vanosdale works with an agency in Boston to purchase packages of speakers. Before making decisions, he consults with a committee of administrators, faculty and students.

When Bernstein's name came up as a potential lecturer, the committee showed great interest, Vanosdale said.

However, Bernstein's campus visit will provide faculty, students and community members with more than just the chance to view a

celebrity, said Ken White, vice president for communications and marketing.

"Northwest has always tried to bring in speakers that not only would appeal to a large number of people but might also challenge them," he said.

Bernstein's knowledge and experience have the potential to teach students and community members, especially those associated with journalism and other media, White said.

"The University has always attempted to align various academic departments with speakers," he said. "I'd assume these people would find him really interesting."

Vanosdale said the size of Northwest's mass communication department played a part in the decision to bring Bernstein to campus.

The Society of Professional Journalists has invited Bernstein to the Alumni house for a reception after the speech, at approximately 9 p.m.

The reception, open to students and faculty in the department of mass communication, will be a "meet-and-greet" event, with cookies and punch, said SPJ Sponsor Jody Strauch.

Toddler dies from suspected abuse, local man remains in county jail

By ABBY SIMONS
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A 21-year-old Maryville man remains in custody in connection with the death of a two-year-old from suspected child abuse.

Michael L. Beattie remains in the Nodaway County Jail on \$100,000 bond after being charged Jan. 16 with two counts of class C felony child abuse in connection with incidents involving three children.

The charges result from an incident Jan. 15 when a 911 call was placed from a home outside the Maryville city limits.

The Nodaway County Ambulance responded to the scene, where three boys, ages 4, 2 and 1 were found and transported by ambulance to St. Francis Medical Center.

The two-year-old was then life-flighted to Children's Mercy Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. The Nodaway County Sheriff's Department took custody of the two remaining children that evening, and referred them to the Division of Family Services. They are currently in foster care.

"The investigation is ongoing. We are anticipating the charges to be raised."

BEN ESPEY
NODAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF

The case was referred to Maryville Public Safety and a joint investigation began by Public Safety, the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department, and Missouri State Highway Patrol, who alleged that Beattie, who was not the father of the children, hit, struck, and/or shook the children. Formal charges were filed against Beattie that evening.

Sunday evening, the two-year-old died at Children's Mercy Medical Center, presumably from injuries sustained.

"This was an eventuality for which the law enforcement agencies and our office had been preparing since the commencement of the case last week," said David Baird,

Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney, who filed the formal charges against Beattie.

An autopsy was performed Monday by the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office in coordination with Nodaway County Coroner Tom Scarbrough as part of the continuing criminal investigation.

Baird will make a decision regarding the filing of additional or modified charges against Beattie after autopsy reports and final investigation reports are received.

"The purpose of the autopsy is to establish the cause of the child's death," Baird said. "No charges may be filed until results come back, which may take from days to weeks, depending on the caseload."

The follow-up investigation by the Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Department and Department of Public Safety will continue. Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey anticipates further advancements in the case.

"The investigation is ongoing," Espey said. "We are anticipating the charges to be raised."

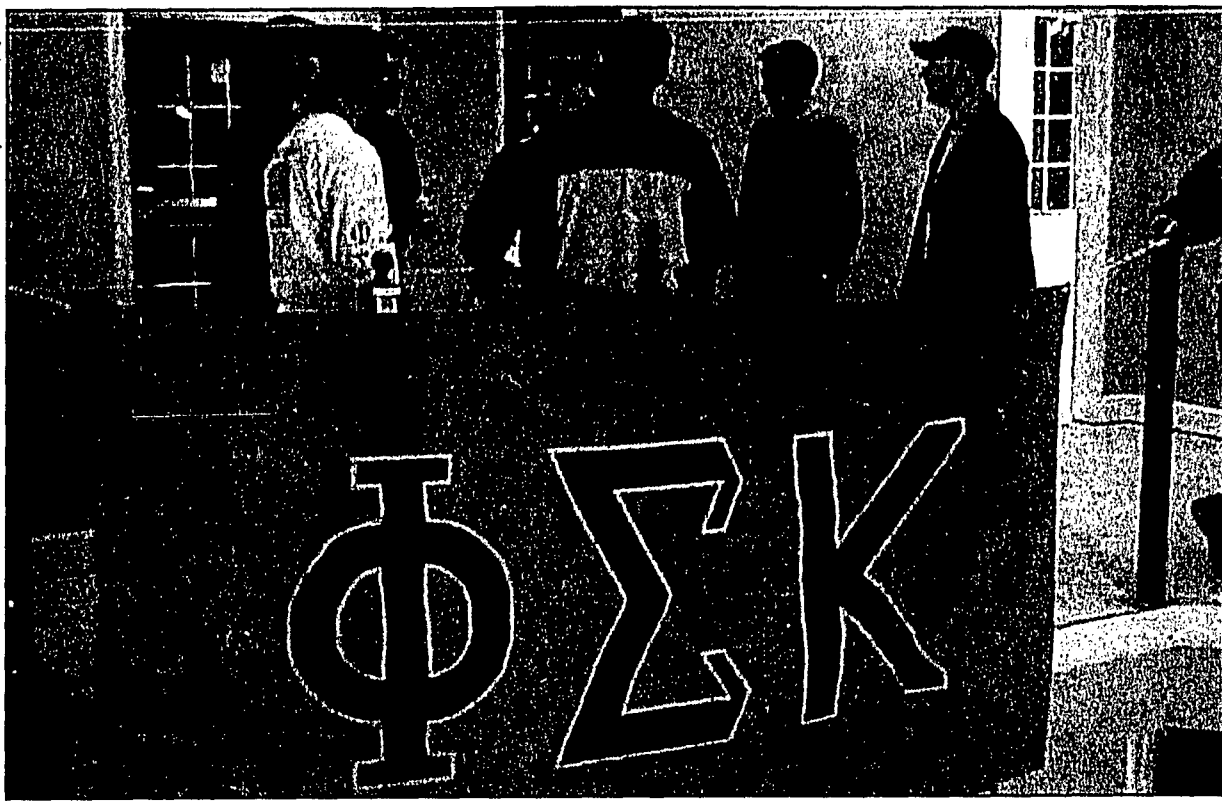


PHOTO BY CHRISTINA CAMPOBASSO/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Active members of Phi Sigma Kappa talk to recruits while giving them a tour of the new fraternity house. The house has 16 bedrooms and will hold 32 members. The Phi Sigs are just one of the Greek organizations participating in spring recruitment.

Fraternities, sororities begin spring recruitment.

By MICHELLE STACY
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Once again the excitement of spring rush, otherwise known as spring recruitment, can be heard around campus.

Spring recruitment gives students interested in becoming part of a fraternity or sorority a second chance to join. Tony Saccoman, vice president of recruitment for Interfraternity Council, said there are advantages to the late rush.

"Spring rush is more for guys who weren't sure last semester or just for those who maybe just want to go through it to see if they like it so they can go through it in the fall when most everyone else does," he said.

Michael Hickman, the other vice president of recruitment for IFC,

agreed with Saccoman. One advantage is that it gives men a whole semester to decide which fraternity fits their personality before they decide to join. Hickman also said the fall trimester gives freshmen time to get used to college before they make a decision on whether to join a fraternity.

Bryan Vanosdale, campus activities director, said size is another advantage to spring recruitment.

"They do not have to deal with large numbers," he said. "It's just a little bit more intimate."

Despite smaller numbers, Vanosdale said students still get a valuable experience in the spring.

Spring recruitment is similar to fall recruitment, but one difference is the events. Since spring recruitment takes place in January, much of the fall rush events that were held

outside are not able to be done.

One other difference is that sororities are usually not allowed to hold recruitment in the spring. However, a sorority is allowed to hold spring recruitment if they do not meet quota from the previous fall recruitment. Delta Zeta, will recruit this trimester.

The Sigma Alpha sorority will also hold recruitment. Sigma Alpha is part of the local panhellenic council, but since they are not part of the national panhellenic council they are allowed to hold spring recruitment.

Spring recruitment began Jan. 17. The events will take place this week and next week. Recruitment will last until each fraternity or sorority decides to close recruitment.

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Students to offer free income tax assistance

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Students and low-income families will have the opportunity to bring in their tax forms and have accounting students prepare their tax returns for free.

From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting Feb. 4 on Mondays and Wednesdays, in 3400 Colden Hall, Northwest students and community members can have tax questions answered.

Roger Woods, accounting professor, has used the IRS Volunteering Income Tax Assistance program to help residents and students with tax forms for the last 20 years. Anyone interested can volunteer to help prepare tax forms. Students majoring in finance have participated in the past. Volunteer students who participate can receive up to three hours of college credit.

"The students who volunteer get hands-on training doing the tax forms in an actual outside setting where you are working with the client face to face," said Jerri Farrell, accounting major.

The volunteers have three options helping out with the tax forms. They can prepare the returns themselves, help clients prepare their returns or answer questions for clients and have the clients do the returns themselves.

One of the goals of the VITA program is to provide an education for clients so they can learn to prepare their own returns.

"We have grown substantially within the last five to 10 years with

the number of returns we do and the number of volunteer students that we have preparing returns," Woods said.

The number of volunteer students ranges from 15 to 20.

Students who volunteer do not need experience, but they are required to pass the IRS test on preparing tax forms before they begin.

When clients come in, they sit down with one of the students and answer questions and share certain information regarding their taxes and income value, Woods said.

Most clients receive their paperwork within a week. When it gets busy toward the end of tax season, clients are sometimes asked to come back within 10 days to two weeks. The students will then explain the paperwork to the client and explain what they did to help.

Woods believes it benefits the students in a variety of ways.

"Students have to learn how to ask questions regarding personal situations regarding divorce and children, and they have to learn how to tactfully ask those questions," Woods said.

Woods believes that the University will continue doing this forever.

"When I leave, someone else will do it, because it's just gotten to be such a big thing around here," Woods said.

The last day to get tax returns looked over or prepared is April 15, and the volunteers will be gone during the week of spring break.

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Senate proposes changes to Student Regent position, waits for campus vote

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Student Senate passed amendment 13.01, unanimously, Jan. 8 in the Student Union Board Room. The proposal lays out what is expected of the student member on the Board of Regents.

The proposal was brought to the Student Senate after a lack of communication in the past and a need for the Student Regent to fulfill the position even further.

"Basically what this does is lay out what students are expecting out of the student member on the Board of Regents," said Tamara Wallace, Student Senate policies

chairperson.

The student body will have the choice to vote for or against the proposal Jan. 28 through Feb. 1 on Webstar. Before students vote, the proposal will be reviewed by the University media, Faculty Senate and the University president and advisors, Wallace said.

The amendment has four sections that the Student Senate discussed during the meeting.

Section one of the proposal states the Student Regent shall be selected by the Student Senate in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri.

Section two states the Student

Regent shall report on the Board of Regents activities at each Student Senate meeting before and after each Board of Regents meeting.

Section three states the Student Regent shall be a non-voting member of the Student Senate, unless he or she also holds a voting position. Section three was the biggest change, said Stacie McLaughlin, Student Senate president.

"They don't have voting membership in Student Senate, but they are asked for their opinion," she said.

Section four states the Student Regent shall be called upon to voice an opinion of support, opposition

or no comment. Such opinion shall not constitute a vote.

The proposal was made to keep up with government standards, McLaughlin said.

Northwest's three candidates for the Student Regent position are Janson Thomas, Chris Dunn and Paul Klute. Candidates will meet and be interviewed by Gov. Bob Holden by the end of January.

Each representative will serve a two-year term on the Board and will attend Board of Regents meetings and bring up issues facing the student body.

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Academy finishes annual recruitment process, plans pathfinder class graduation ceremony

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As the spring trimester begins, the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing is preparing for the end of an era.

The program is heading into the final months of its second year, and along with this milestone comes the task of saying goodbye to 30 graduating students.

The 30 students, dubbed pathfinders, are part of the Academy's inaugural class, which came to campus in August 2000. The pathfinders will be the first Academy members to graduate from the ranks of the two-year program.

Graduation is set for May 25, but the event is still in the planning stages at this point, said Russ Pinizzotto, dean of the Academy.

University President Dean Hubbard will speak at the ceremony, along with Leon Letterman, Nobel Prize-winning physicist.

The graduation ceremony represents just one of the milestones the pathfinders have embraced. As the first Academy class, the pathfinders took the first classes, slept in the first Academy-adapted residence halls and took the first steps toward integrating into the student body.

And the 30 second-year students have paved the way for upcoming



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Reid Catt studies during his last trimester at the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing. Thirty second-year students will graduate May 25.

Academy classes.

"As time goes on, we're turning into a much more mature organization," Pinizzotto said.

The Academy has also grown in size since it opened its doors in August 2000. When the fall 2001 trimester began, the Academy welcomed 87 students to campus. Joining the 30 pathfinders, were 57 first-year students, or pacesetters.

Of the 87 students, 84 have returned to the Academy for the spring trimester. Three first-year

students left for non-academic reasons, Pinizzotto said.

While mid-year Academy enrollment declined slightly, the students' academic performance numbers climbed.

Sixteen students earned a 4.0 grade point average in the fall trimester, and 25 students earned spots on the academic honor roll. The Academy average grade point was 3.49, which exceeded the 2.64 grade point average Northwest students earned in the same courses.

With another trimester under their belts, Academy officials are looking toward the future. Pinizzotto will continue traveling across the state to conduct information sessions, with the help of Theresa Wilson, director of recruitment/admissions for the Academy. The Academy has also invited students and parents to campus preview days.

"These are great days to get all the information you ever wanted to know about the Academy," Wilson said.

The recruiting process is becoming more efficient as the Academy grows. Trips have been consolidated, and current Academy students and parents now share information with visitors at preview days.

"If parents didn't trust us, they wouldn't allow their kids to come here, so these days are good for that," Pinizzotto said. "We can tell them things from an administrative point of view and make not nearly as big of an impact as these people."

The Academy plans to bring 65 students to the program in its third year of operation. This group will be named explorers and will increase Academy enrollment by 35 students.

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Campus fair celebrates health

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Northwest students will have the opportunity to attend a health fair thanks to the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Club.

HPERD is sponsoring the annual Health Fair to promote Health Awareness Day. The fair, titled "Celebrate Your Health," will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday on the second floor of the Student Union.

The Health Fair will explore a variety of health issues such as cancer, body image, heart attacks, substance abuse, safe sex and stress.

"The Health Fair is something

the HPERD Club does to try to encompass all aspects of health for the campus community," HPERD member Kim Lamberty said.

The Health Fair will include lectures, demonstrations, handouts and activities. The HPERD Club is also sponsoring a free raffle with the help of donations from businesses and organizations in the surrounding communities.

HPERD club members will provide assistance throughout the day. Club members can be recognized by their gray and green shirts.

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Area citizens honored at Chamber banquet

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Dark sunglasses and suspenseful theme music were in store for this year's Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Monday evening at the University Conference Center.

"Mission Possible" was the theme of this year's banquet, referring to achieving the Chamber's goals of advancing the agricultural, legislative, educational, industrial, professional and retail interests of the community, as well as the goals of accomplishing a downtown revitalization and a first annual Chamber-sponsored marathon to be held in 2003.

2002 Maryville Chamber President Joyce Cronin of KNIM Radio is heading the campaign to start the new programs and activities. Cronin pledges that the banquet's theme will last.

"The theme of 'Mission Possible' is not just the theme for this evening's banquet, but a theme that will carry on into 2002," Cronin said, referring especially to the city's much anticipated marathon, for which she is optimistic.

"This marathon will be a success, and it can only grow," Cronin said. "It will not only make the city proud, but it will make the city money."

In other business at the banquet, former chamber president and three-year board member Phil Smith was presented the Spearhead Award for his efforts in organizing the Mozingo Lake Ski Show. The Good Citizen Award was presented to Kay and Merlin Atkins for their service to the community, including serving on the Nodaway County Fair Board, volunteering at the local food bank and recruiting

a crew that volunteered more than 1,000 hours with the remodeling of the Maryville Community Building. Merlin said it was not just him and his wife that deserved the award.

"This is a result of the whole community working together," he said.

The 2001 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Roland Tullberg for membership in the Human Resources Task Force, Maryville Citizens for Community Advancement and Lions Club, as well as his efforts for coordinating the annual Winter Wonderland and collecting used eyeglasses for the needy.

The banquet also featured guest speaker Andrew McCrea, a farmer and radio personality for "American Countryside," an agricultural program broadcast throughout the Midwest. McCrea shared humorous anecdotes and drew upon sources such as his grandfather and Thomas Edison to point out the difference a positive attitude makes.

"Good attitudes affect everyone," McCrea said. "When we help people and go the extra mile, you never know how it'll pay off in the end."

Door prizes were also awarded at the banquet, including those donated by Energizer, Wal-Mart, Econo Foods and Rod's Hallmark. The evening ended with 2001 President Dave Schmidt passing the gavel to Cronin.

"This job is a real honor, and a lot of responsibility," Cronin said. "Thankfully, we have many people helping, and I take my job very seriously. I'm prepared to make a difference in the community."

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The General Assembly, a singing sextet consisting of Missouri legislators Gary Marble, Carson Ross, Don Summers, Delbert Scott, Rex Barnett and Larry Rohrbach, will perform at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening at First Baptist. The concert is open to all.

Singing legislators to perform at First Baptist

By DEVIN RANKIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Music will be in the air as the General Assembly performs at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Maryville.

The group originated eight years ago in Jefferson City when a group of legislators were singing for enjoyment. When the group of singing legislators, including Rex Barnett, Gary Marble, Larry Rohrbach, Carson Ross, Delbert Scott and Don Summers were notified, it turned into much more. In the years after the General Assembly was formed, they have been invited to perform at events including singing the National Anthem at Chiefs, Cardinals and Royals games. They are now bringing their melodies to Maryville. The First Baptist staff is excited to have the group perform their first

northwest Missouri concert at the church.

"I have heard great things about this group," said Brent Evans, Associate Pastor of Music and Education at First Baptist Church. "God has worked out a great thing for this group. He allowed them an outlet to proclaim the gospel through music."

Among the legislators that sing gospel and patriotic songs is Maryville resident Rex Barnett.

Barnett has been a long time citizen of Maryville. Having lived in the community since 1979 when he was promoted to Zone Commander of the Missouri Highway Patrol, Barnett has many outstanding accomplishments. Along with being a part of the General Assembly, Barnett served on the Missouri Highway patrol for 32 years. After

Barnett retired in 1993, he ran for legislature in 1994, for which he has served ever since.

Barnett stays busy with work, performing with the General Assembly, and his family which includes his wife Anna, two sons and eight grandchildren, but he tries to make time for it all.

"Originally we got together for the pure enjoyment of singing and then it blossomed into invitations to sing more places than we all have time for," Barnett said. "Everyone has different responsibilities so it makes it really hard."

The General Assembly's performance Sunday will be open to the public. If any questions should arise, feel free to e-mail Brent Evans at evansbrent@hotmail.com.

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Elections open for council

By MONICA CALDWELL
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With six open positions and six candidates running, the annual Nodaway County Extension Council elections are a way for residents of Nodaway County to contribute to their area.

This year's Extension Council candidates are Mike Zech of Maryville, Monica Wood of Elmo, Amy Houts of Maryville, Becky Dalbey of Burlington Junction, Shoba Brown of Maryville and Nick Barmann of Maryville.

The council is made up of 12 elected members and four appointed members. Each serve two-year terms. The extension council members stay busy with their positions.

"They help determine programming emphasis areas," said Karma Metzgar, county program director. "They are business managers for the county."

Aside from delivering information about the mission of the Extension Council throughout the county, programmers work with county commissioners to secure funding for programs.

During the upcoming year, the council plans on outlining their four-year plan to fit within federal guidelines as well as preparing for Extension Week in May, a themed state-wide "coordinated media event," Metzgar said. The annual occasion, held in each of Missouri's 114 counties, works to ensure consistency in programming.

Eligible Nodaway county voters may cast their ballots by sending either a ballot or a piece of paper with their votes to the Nodaway County Courthouse Annex at 305 N. Market in Maryville, complete with printed name and return address as well as their signature. The election is open through 4:30 p.m., Jan. 31.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Barnard man pleads guilty in sex assault case

Tracy L. Clements, 35, Barnard, entered a plea of guilty to two counts of felony statutory rape in the first degree and six counts of felony statutory rape in the second degree before the Nodaway County court Jan. 15. Clements entered pleas of guilty to the 8 counts in advance of the jury trial which was scheduled to commence Jan. 23.

The charges evolve from acts committed by Clements against a minor female between August 1995 and summer 2000.

Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird explained that the ability to charge first or second degree statutory rape is based on the victim's age at the time of the incident. Statutory rape in the first degree carries a punishment between five years and life imprisonment. Statutory rape in the second degree carries a maximum incarceration of seven years.

Judge Roger Prokes received the plea of guilty and ordered a presentence investigation. Sentencing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Feb. 19 before the court. Clements currently remains in the Nodaway County Jail.

Makin' waves

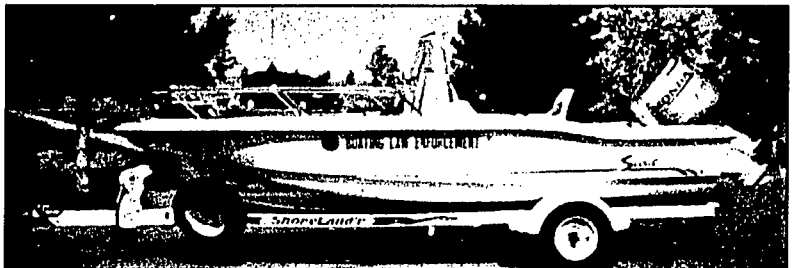


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The Maryville Department of Public Safety recently purchased a new patrol boat from Anderson Industrial Equipment Company of Omaha. The boat is designed specifically for law enforcement. This model is scheduled to arrive in 2-4 weeks.

City plans first marathon

By CHRIS LITTLE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The first annual Maryville Marathon has finally been set for next summer. An estimated 300 runners will be starting the 26.2 mile race June 7, 2003.

Matt Gaarder and Les Ackman are co-chairs for the event and will be accepting entries in June of this year, but only after a contest is held to name the event.

The contest runs from Feb. 1 until May 1. All entries should be sent to the Maryville Chamber of Commerce Office. The contest will award prizes for first, second, and third places. Third place will receive \$25 worth of Maryville Chamber bucks which can be used at any participating local business. Second place will receive \$50 Chamber Bucks and first place will receive \$150 Chamber bucks.

Gaarder was excited about the event and the support the commu-

nity has given.

"We need a lot of volunteers for this event and we have already received several hundred phone calls from people asking what they could do to help," Gaarder said. "Talk about a great response."

The race committees are currently in the process of planning the route of the race as it goes throughout Maryville.

The race will be advertised throughout the Midwest. Information will be sent to cities such as Kansas City, Mo. and Lincoln, Neb. Organizers hope to attract several elite runners who otherwise would have to travel great distances to run in a marathon. Gaarder is optimistic about the race.

"If we are successful with this marathon, the event will continue to grow," said Gaarder. "There's no limit to where the road can take us."

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By MONICA CALDWELL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Crumbling facades and rotting wood do not make good working conditions for one of the nation's leading service organizations. Because the St. Joseph/Maryville Branch of the American Red Cross has fallen into disrepair, actions have been taken to remodel and update the decaying structure.

The Midland Empire Chapter of the Red Cross launched the "Answer the Call" Capital Campaign last March. The chapter officially began the public phase Monday.

The chapter has already earned 53 percent of their \$2.07 million goal. They hope to obtain full funding by October.

Through the silent phase of the campaign, an 11 percent pledge was made by the American Red Cross volunteer Board of Directors, which totaled \$235,456. The Chapter has also received a Challenge Grant from the Mabee Foundation

in Tulsa, Okla. The foundation will provide the last \$140,000 needed if Midland's goal is met by October.

The Chapter anticipates help from Maryville and the surrounding communities as well so they may be able to continue serving the surrounding areas with medical and emergency services.

"We expect the community to be very supportive," Executive Director Kevin Kirby said. "We expect response to be very good."

After purchasing new service vehicles, computer equipment and training mannequins for CPR and first aid classes, the Chapter plans to begin major renovations to their 35-year-old headquarters.

"We'll replace some equipment and update our computers," Kirby said. "By October we hope to be started on the building renovations, which will take probably a year."

Renovation is badly needed throughout the inside of the building as well as the outside.



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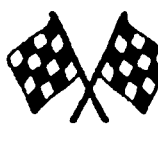
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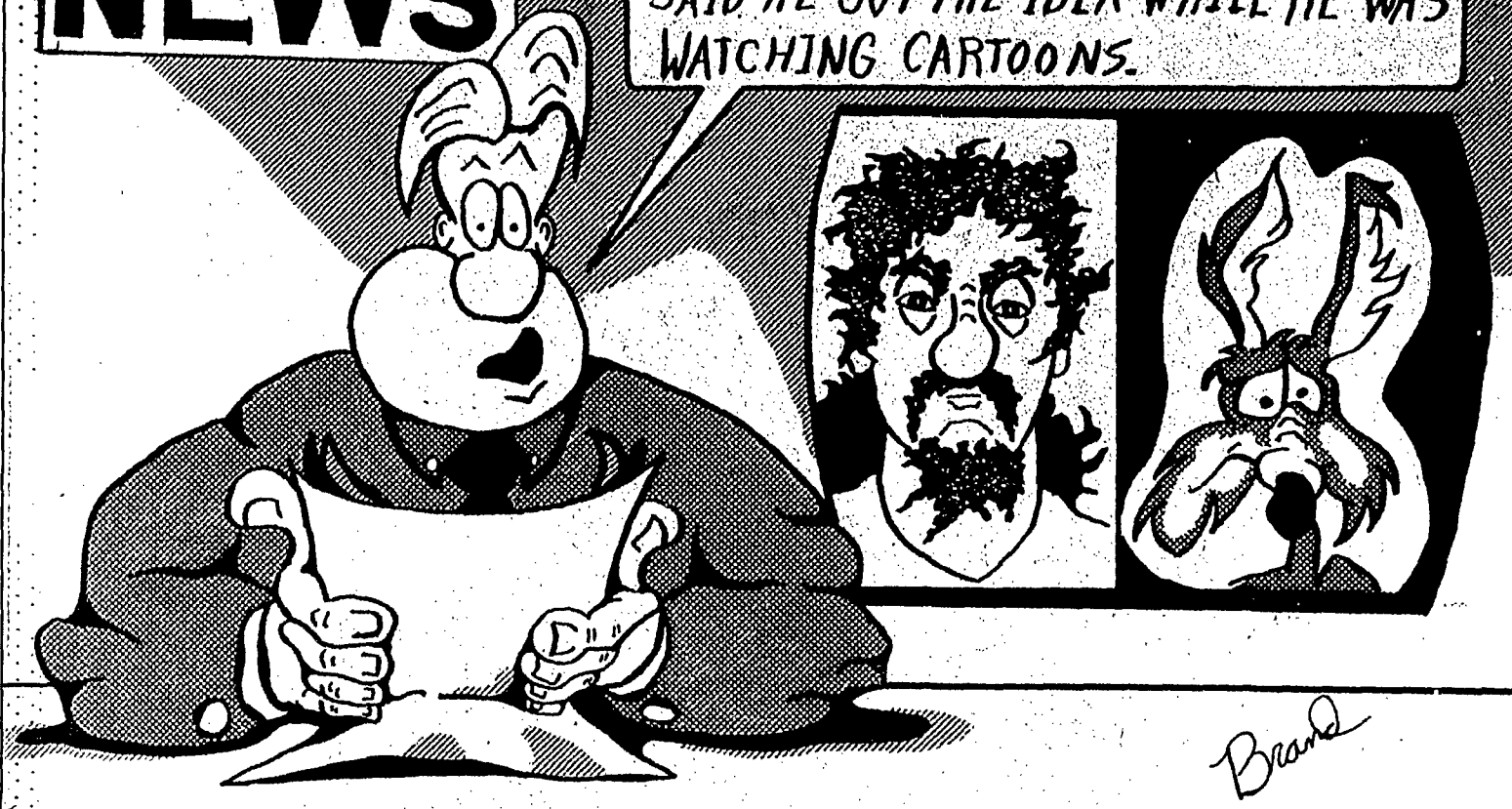
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Remembrance day not enough



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

Martin Luther King Day does not do justice to King, the people he loved or the work he died for. He is one of the greatest figures in American history, and he happens to be a personal hero of mine and of millions around the world. But we have too great a tendency to make demagogues out of individual figures: those icons come not only to symbolize but to summarize for us the larger picture they represent.

Where is Malcolm X on MLK day? Before his brutal assassination, the enigmatic, brilliant leader said that, if he were to die, it would be "for the cause of brotherhood... That's the only thing that can save this country." Is he, even in death, still too dangerous to those in power to be included in our national holiday?

Where is Medgar Evers, shot in the back in front of his children by a "paw" — as one poet put it — in the racist "game" of southern politicians and segregationists? Should we let his memory slowly drift from national consciousness?

Where's Emmett Till, made unrecognizable by his murderers for the crime of having dark skin? Where are the nine teenagers who risked their lives to walk into Central High School in Little Rock, Ark.? Where is James Meredith, escorted by Federal troops into Ole Miss?

Where are the four little girls in their Sunday dresses, blown up in the Six-

teenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham? Where is Rosa Parks? Where is James Baldwin? Where are the Freedom Riders, black and white Americans beat nearly to death for traveling together? Where are the Birmingham marchers, arm-in-arm with King and then alone, facing fire hoses, beatings and attack dogs?

Brown vs. the Board of Education was less than 50 years ago. King's "I Have a Dream" speech was less than 40 years ago, the Civil Rights Act was less than 38. King's horrible assassination and the bloody explosion that followed were less than 34 years ago — that's not even a generation.

By having a day celebrating one man, we subvert and trivialize his cause as a thing of the past. King lived, fought and died trying to heal our national character. Or, rather, trying to make it whole for the first time since its slavery-based inception: trying to create what James Baldwin called "a truly valid American identity."

For many of us, it's a day of profound reflection and of honoring King. But it also allows the movement itself to become stagnant in the minds of many; merely a part of our distant past, a celebration of one historical figure.

A National Civil Rights Day would be a celebration of Martin, Malcolm, and millions of others who risked or gave their lives attempting to make America

a place where the words of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights could be valid ones, spoken honestly in the relationships and treatment of its people.

And more than that, hopefully, it would be a reminder that the work that binds us — the attempt to make King's cause our own — is not finished. Great disparities still exist both in the living standards of American citizens and in our treatment of each other. Our relationships, our education, our healthcare and our prisons are in need of change.

I think that if King were here, he would speak to us in his beautiful, rolling cadences to assure us that the work is not done, and that to honor only him is to do a disservice to the people that bled and died for it.

Perhaps he would quote President Abraham Lincoln's second Inaugural Address, one of the only speeches in history comparable to the "I Have a Dream" speech, telling us to continue: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right... let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care... to do all which may achieve and cherish a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

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MY VIEW

Editor shows not all KU fans born, raised in Kansas



KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

For the last eight years I have been following the Kansas Jayhawks through their ups and downs. Through their rein back in 1996 as the No. 1 team in the country and when the rumors surfaced that Kansas was going to bring the house down during the Final Four.

Through the years I have followed one of the best coaches in the country. I was nervous during the summer that Roy Williams was considering leaving Kansas to coach at North Carolina. Thankfully, Williams decided to stay because he could not leave the fans and a team he respects.

Nevertheless, even after all the torture from Missouri Tiger fans and turning on my lucky KU Christmas tree (which sits out all year), I still have people asking me if I'm actually a fan. In the last eight years I've only missed three games and still people ask me if I am a fan.

Not only does being asked if I am a fan annoy me, but also having people tell me that since I am from Missouri I should like the Missouri Tigers. I do not think so. I would rather be tarred and feathered than turn toward the dark side and root for the enemy. I am a true KU fan and even when a loss comes around, I never give up on my team.

I also carry on my keys a KU key chain that reads, "I love KU." People

always ask me, "If you like KU so much why didn't you go there?" It's the question I always hear from MU fans and cringe. There are many reasons and I know I am doing fine here.

Another thing that annoys me is so-called fans that only watch a team because they are polled as the No. 1 team in the country; however, Kansas was the No. 1 team for a week this year until UCLA had Kansas for breakfast. I had those people (Missouri fans) saying to me that KU lost and how funny it was, but I did not let it bother me because I know a loss will only make them work harder and become more mentally capable of dominating MU Jan. 28.

I get that look from guys, the one where they look at me as only a girl and one that would not understand the difference between a technical foul or a charge. Come on guys, I watch Sports Center as much as any of you do and I can give you practically every KU basketball players' stats. Please stop asking if I am really a fan, this column has to prove it.

This season has been very hard for me because unfortunately Maryville does not carry the usual station that KU plays on. After learning about my dilemma with the television station, I tried to see if the radio would pick up the games. Again I was turned down and my only option left was the

Internet, which was able to pick up some of my game.

Although I see the games now and then and am a huge fan, I would not go to KU. The reason is I love Northwest and I know I am getting a better education here being in smaller classes than I ever could at KU. I would have loved going to KU, but out-of-state tuition was considered and I am getting great college basketball games here.

Not only do I love Northwest, but I am also getting to see a Division II school come away with wins. Watching the men's team this year has been incredible, and although I may not have gone to a Big 12 school, I feel that I am getting all the action here at Northwest that a regular Division I school has.

In closing, although I did not go to KU, I am still a huge fan and will be watching them during the Big 12 Tournament and on the road to the Final Four. I will always be there watching them and cheering them on, win or no win.

The same goes with the Bearcats. A true fan sticks with their team no matter what and even if the men's team does not come out undefeated this year, they sure have showed a Division I fan what basketball is all about.

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OUR VIEW

National policy

United States has enough worry with war on terrorism to be making trouble with other nations

With the United States involved in the war on terrorism in Afghanistan, one would think they would not want to cause trouble with other countries.

Think again.

Over the weekend, *The Washington Post* published an article that told how Chinese officials found listening devices planted in the presidential aircraft.

The listening devices were found in October before China's president, Jiang Zemin, was to use the plane for the first time to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Twenty-seven listening devices have been found on the plane, which has not been used. The listening devices were activated only when contacted by a satellite and found in places like the bathroom and headboard of the president's bed.

CIA spokesman Bill Harlow said, "We never comment on allegations like these, as a matter of policy."

Of course they would have no comment. He is not going to admit we were trying to spy on China.

Why does this have to happen though? What has China done to us lately, besides knock down one of our spy planes? Nothing.

The United States needs to stop sticking its nose in China's business. China is content to do things on its own, it is not like they are harboring terrorists or coming up with ideas to run planes into our buildings.

This also does not make things any easier for the United States and China's presidents when they meet on Feb. 21 in Beijing. Now President Bush will have to calm Zemin and make America seem like a trusty business partner once more.

Good luck.

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YOUR VIEW

What do you think about the United States' decision to prosecute John Walker?



Nathan Lane
Undecided



Tina Spurgin
Maryville resident

"I think it's good because you don't usually tell secrets about the U.S. to others. This is your country. You don't want to tell bad things about it."

"Anyone that deceives the United States deserves it. He was an educated person, but I don't think there is enough punishment for him."



Stacy Ross
Maryville resident



Mark Grubb
Computer marketing systems major

"I don't know what punishment can be applied. Punishment can't be severe enough for what he's done."

"He deserves it for his decision, but his prosecution should be based on his actions, not his nationality."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ **Focus on Kid's Program for Divorcing Parents**, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room
 ■ **Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, noon and 8 p.m., Wesley Center
 ■ **Northwest Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union**, 8 p.m., Colden Hall 3300

MONDAY

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, noon, Wesley Center
 ■ **Distinguished Lecture: Carl Bernstein**, 8 p.m., The Performing Arts Center
 ■ **Eating Disorders Self-Help/Support Group meeting**, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., Colden Hall 2630

FRIDAY

■ **Student payday**
 ■ **Midland Empire Girl Scouts** cookie sales begin
 ■ **Lunar New Year** (Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan)
 ■ **Foundation Day (Brazil)**

TUESDAY

■ **"Celebrate Your Health Day,"** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., second floor Student Union
 ■ **Exploring Majors**, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Student Union

SATURDAY

■ **C-BASE test**, 8 a.m., third floor Colden Hall 3950
 ■ **Nodaway County 4-H/FFA Steer Weigh Day**, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Nodaway Vet Clinic
 ■ **Lunar New Year** (Hong Kong)
 ■ **VIP Day**

WEDNESDAY

■ **Pre-law Society meeting**, 4 p.m., Colden Hall 3950
 ■ **Alpha Omega Society Greeks for Christ**, 9 p.m., Roberta Hall Lounge
 ■ **Bell ringing for Julia Vogel**, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY

■ **Open gym (students fifth grade and above)**, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Maryville High School gym

THURSDAY

■ **Blood Drive**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church
 ■ **Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, noon and 8 p.m., Wesley Center
 ■ **Love Letters**, 7:30 p.m., The Performing Arts Center
 ■ **"Planning for Business Success,"** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Building

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 14
 ■ An officer assisted Probation and Parole in serving a warrant on Shelly D. Laughlin, 29, Kearney, Neb., for parole violation. She was transported to Nodaway County Jail and was held for Probation and Parole.

Jan. 15
 ■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken his checkbook from his vehicle while it was parked in the 200 block of West Seventh.

Jan. 17
 ■ An unknown vehicle and Warren L. Crouse, Maryville, were parked in a public parking lot in the 400 block of North Main. The unknown vehicle struck Crouse's vehicle and then left the scene.

■ Shannon M. Lager, 20, Maryville, was traveling east in the 400 block of East Edwards. Edna M. Fifer, 72, Maryville, was traveling north in the 500 block of South Prairie. Fifer entered the intersection of Edwards and Prairie. Lager struck Fifer's vehicle.

Jan. 18
 ■ While on patrol on North Market, an officer observed a vehicle cross over into the oncoming lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped in the 1000 block of North Main. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Joseph L. Pope, 20, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety test, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Officers received a report of loud music in the 300 block of North Market. Upon arrival, Raquel Raya, 24, Maryville, was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance. Lindsey B. Howell, 19, Maryville, was issued summonses for possession of 35 grams or less marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was transported to Nodaway County Jail in lieu of bond.

■ An officer received a report of a vehicle creating a road hazard in the 1100 block of South Munn. Boyles Motors towed the vehicle.

■ Christopher A. Doering, Maryville, was parked on West Fourth. Joseph M. Arganbright, 20, Maryville, was traveling on West Fourth when he slid into Doering's vehicle.

Jan. 19
 ■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that his vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 100 block of East Fourth.

■ Elaina B. Gladman, 17, Skidmore, and Kyle E. Stiens, 20, Maryville, were traveling in the 1200 block of South Main. Stiens stopped in traffic and was struck by Gladman.

Jan. 20
 ■ Officers received a report of underage drinkers in the 600 block of North Fillmore. Upon arrival, Tara L. McGuire, 17, Maryville, was issued summons for minor in possession.

■ Officers received a report of a vehicle striking a parked vehicle in the 200 block of North Main. The vehicle was located in the 1000 block of North Walnut. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Wally E. Cottrell, 21, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued summonses for careless and imprudent driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

■ Janeth S. Beeman, 48, Maryville, Melinda L. Claycomb, 20, Maryville, and Jason C. Hiller, 22, Maryville, were traveling north on South Main. Hiller stopped to turn left. Beeman struck Claycomb, causing Claycomb to strike Hiller.

Jan. 21
 ■ There was a report from a Maryville male that a female individual was harassing him. Annie J. Emery, 19, Bedford, Iowa, was issued a summons for disorderly conduct.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that he had been assaulted by another male individual while in the 300 block of North Market.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her vehicle had been damaged.

■ Mary H. Henggeler, 29, Maryville, was traveling east on Third Street. Chelsey L. Hopkins, 16, Sheridan, was traveling west on Third Street, turning left. Henggeler struck Hopkins.

■ Debra J. Puckett, 45, Conception Junction, was stopped in traffic in the 1100 block of South Main. Cedric J. Davis, 20, Grand Island, Neb., was northbound in the 1200 block of South Main. Davis struck Puckett and was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Jan. 22
 ■ An officer received a report from Maryville female that her wallet had been lost or stolen.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Jan. 3
 ■ Alicia K. Williams, 20, Elmo, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for stealing (auto theft.)

■ Brandon W. Culp, 20, St. Joseph, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance.

Jan. 4
 ■ Joshua D. Pehl, 20, Kansas City, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for possession of a controlled substance/motion to revoke probation.

Jan. 9
 ■ A Maryville business reported a theft from their business.

■ A Skidmore subject reported telephone harassment.

Jan. 13
 ■ A Ravenwood subject reported property damage at his residence.

Jan. 15
 ■ The mayor of Arkoe reported

property damage at Arkoe.

■ Shelly D. Laughlin, 29, Kearney, Neb., was arrested on two Nodaway County warrants for forgery/probation violation.

Jan. 16
 ■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from a Maryville business.

BIRTHS

Kaci Lynn Billings

Eric and Kimberly Billings, Barnard, are the parents of Kaci Lynn, born Jan. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one sister, Sydney Renee.

Her maternal grandparents are Leon and Charlene Drydale, Barnard. Her paternal grandparent is Pete Billings, Stronghurst, Ill. Maternal great-grandparent is Velma Drydale, Savannah. Paternal great-grandparents are Gene and Betty Emery, Maryville.

Kimberly Marie Laird

Michael Laird and April Tittsworth, Darlington, are the parents of Kimberly Marie, born Jan. 14 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Her maternal grandparents are Stella Elsea, New Hampton; and Jimmy and Lisa Tittsworth, Mound City. Paternal grandparents are Wilfred Laird, Boogie Chitto, Miss., and the late Kim Laird. Maternal great-grandparents are Bonita Plumb, Chillicothe; Wanda Caldwell, Hickory; Bob Tittsworth, and the late Fredrick Jones. Paternal great-grandparents are Higdon and Doris Laird, Boogie Chitto, Miss.; Johnny and Shirley Brown, Jayess, Miss.; Ada McCullough, Ruth, Miss., and the late Jerry Newmann.

Connor Robert Henry
 Kirk and Kelly Henry, St. Joseph, are the parents of Connor Robert, born Dec. 22 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.
 Maternal grandparents are Maury and Jean Bouas, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Carolyn Henry, Maryville. Maternal great-grandparents are Laurence and Ruth Bouas, Maryville.

Holiday helpers

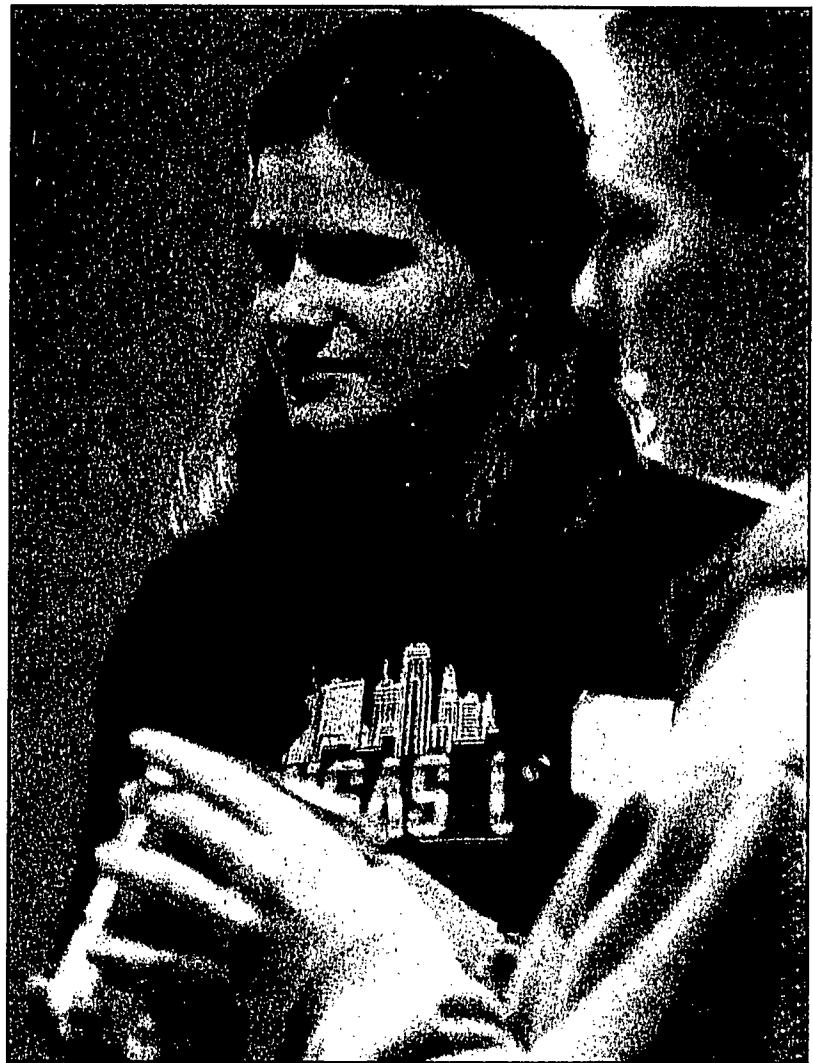


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 Amy Carr and Traci Thierolf help The Ministry Center clean and restock shelves Monday as a way to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Ministry Center food pantry, run by Merlin Atkins helped more than 3,400 people last year.

DEATHS

Lawrence L. Faustlin

Lawrence L. Faustlin, 82, Ravenwood, died Jan. 16, at his home.

He was born March 3, 1919, to Henry and Frances Faustlin in Allendale.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma; two sons, Larry and Stephen; one daughter, Deloris Shipps; five grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Services were Jan. 19 at St. Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction. Burial was at St. Columba Cemetery in Conception.

Virgie Muriel Giesken

Virgie Muriel Giesken, 82, Maryville, died Jan. 18, at Heartland East Hospital.

She was born March 8, 1919, to Frank Heathco and Lena Wiley in Warrensburg.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary Downing and four grandchildren, Jerod, Verlena, James and Valysa Downing.

Services were Jan. 21 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Parnell.

Joseph "Joe" Vaughn

Joseph "Joe" Vaughn, 70, Maryville, died Jan. 18, at his home.

He was born July 14, 1931, to Ted and Mary Ann Vaughn in Maryville.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons, Terry and Ted; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard Day and two stepdaughters, Joan Dieter and Nancy Lantz.

Services were Jan. 21 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

Burial was at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Maryville.

Kimberly Dawn Burns

Kimberly Dawn Burns, 28, Maitland, died Jan. 19, in Graham.

She was born Feb. 15, 1973, to Jimmie and Karen Sheppard in Fairfax.

She is survived by her husband, Brandon; one son, Kurt Babb; two daughters, Brittany and Hannah Burns; her parents, Jimmie and Karen Sheppard; one brother, Jimmie Sheppard Jr., and two sisters, Cindy Kinder and Kathy Theas.

Services were Jan. 23 at the Christian Church in Ravenwood. Burial was at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ravenwood.

Margie Marie Lincoln

Margie Marie Lincoln, 101, Sheridan, died Jan. 20, at Beverly Healthcare of Maryville.

She was born Aug. 12, 1900, to Albert Dredge and Martha Chamberlain in Elmo.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services were Jan. 23 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at White Oak Cemetery in Pickering.

Sister Mary Meinrada Dietrich

Sister Mary Meinrada Dietrich, 93, Clyde, died Jan. 22, at Our Lady of Rickenbach Center in Clyde.

She was born June 1, 1908, to Alois and Sophia Dietrich in Menwigen, Baden, Germany.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

Services were Jan. 24 at Our Lady of Rickenbach Chapel in Clyde. Burial is at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Clyde.

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By ANN HARMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

For a long time Americans have placed great emphasis on fat, whether it be high-fat, low-fat or too fat. For several years many health advisors and dieticians encouraged low-fat diets, but after following those diets for a few weeks and losing a few pounds, people gained the weight back. More recently health watchers are taking a different route with low-calorie, portion-controlled diet plans that include monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats.

While trends tend to change from year to year, most people are consistently concerned with being healthy and fit. Virginia Murr, assistant director of the University Health Center, said she could not stress enough the importance of balance.

"There's no magic number of calories because every body is different," Murr said. "Eating fats has benefits for your health. It helps to lower bad cholesterol, which is LDL, and increase good cholesterol, which is the HDL."

Murr said a specific problem for college students is getting protein and vegetables into their diet. A good way to measure a well-balanced meal is to note the color variety on the plate - the more, the better.

Leslie Hock, dietician at St. Francis Hospital, said a good distribution of calorie intake is 55 percent from carbohydrates, 15 percent from protein and less than 30 percent from fats (10 percent saturated, 10 percent monounsaturated and 10 percent polyunsaturated).

"It takes a lot of will power," Hock said. "We need to change our mind set of what is a normal serving size."

College students who frequently have late-night study sessions

might be tempted to munch on something while they work.

Hock advised fresh fruits and vegetables, pretzels or air-popped popcorn and drinking less soda rather than loading up on fried foods.

In addition to eating well-balanced meals, exercise should be part of one's routine. But, exercise does not automatically mean hours at the gym on the treadmill. It can be broken up into segments such as walking stairs rather than riding an elevator or taking the longer way to get somewhere, Murr said.

"None of this is hard stuff," Murr said. "People make New Year's resolutions and they plan to do it, but then they make it so hard they don't do it."

Unfortunately, some people get overly excited about exercise and it becomes a problem. Much of the misconception of what is healthy comes from the idealistic images seen in media.

"If one area is out of whack, it greatly

increases (people's) vulnerability to other problems," Murr said.

"It's all this huge package."

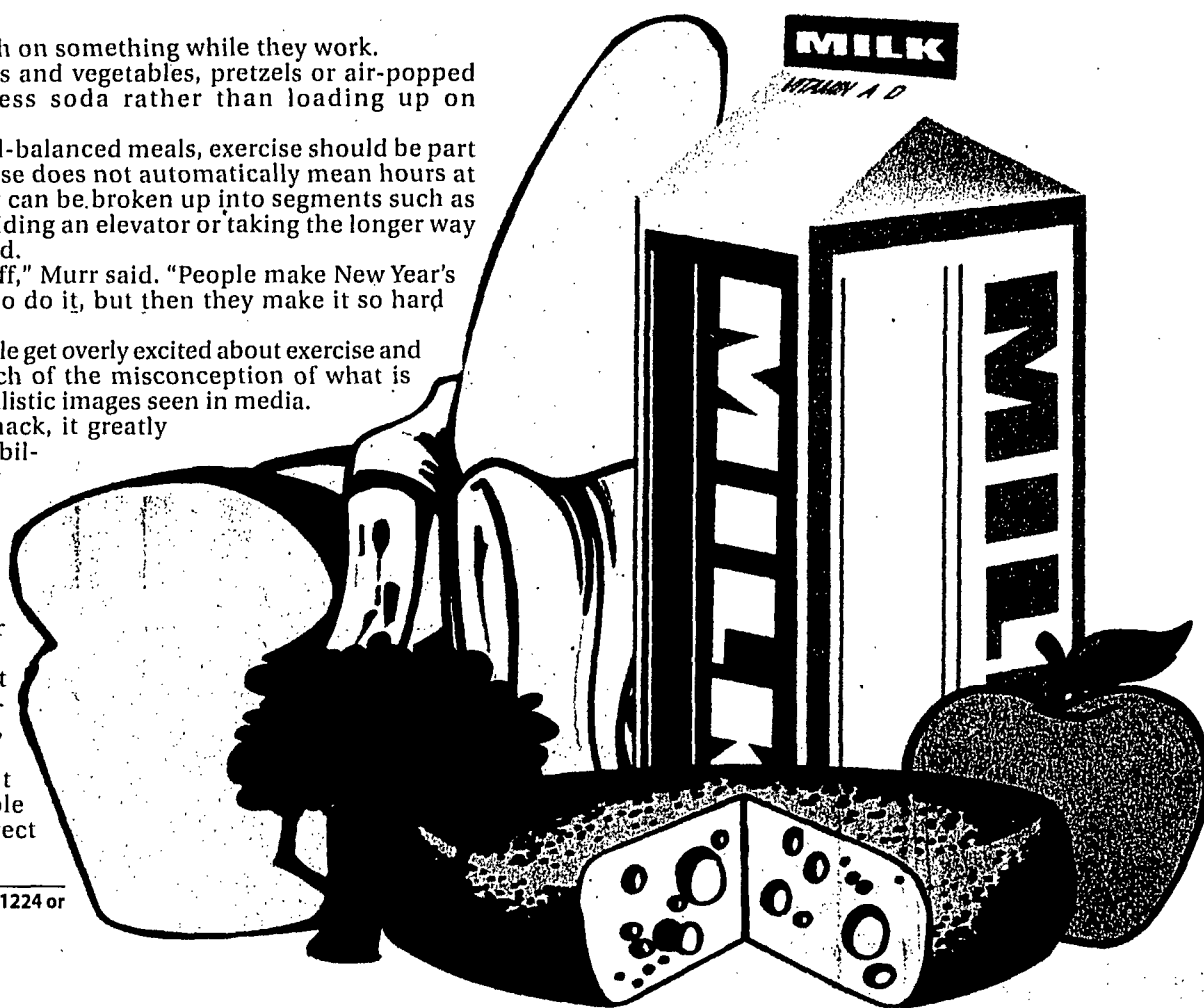
Students especially need to look out for each other so that no one area is being over worked, Murr said.

Balance is important not only as far as diet and exercise, but also in socializing, studying and sleeping.

"Prevention is a whole lot easier and balance is a whole lot easier than trying to correct the problem," Murr said.

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The Balancing Act of Life



How to have fun, get fit at Student Recreation Center

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The University Student Recreation Center offers many different activities for college students, faculty, staff, and community members to stay healthy and fit.

The Student Recreation Center is located on the Northwest campus next to Rickenbrode Stadium. It offers activities such as racquetball, basketball, volleyball and volleyball on the lower floor. These

activities are open to anyone over the age of 17. Children are allowed to come to the recreation center with parents from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday during Family Hour.

The recreation center has equipment that both children and parents can enjoy.

An alternative for people who prefer not to play sports is the suspended track located on the second level. The track allows members to walk, jog, or run without the distur-

bance of sports equipment from anyone playing a game. The recreation center's track allows members to walk, jog or run without the nuisance of weather. The track is also used by many people recovering from surgery whose doctor has recommended walking.

Also located upstairs is a weight room. It includes two universal weight stations and many stationary bikes.

The Student Recreation Center has a pool in the Foster Aquatic Cen-

ter located next to the International Plaza. The pool is only open certain hours of the day. During open hours there are designated times for open swim or lap swims.

The recreation center also holds intramurals. These include 35 different activities. Some include activities such as flag football, basketball and bowling. There are four divisions to intramurals: fraternity, sorority, men and women. Students, faculty and staff are allowed to par-

ticipate in intramurals. To compete, undergraduate students must be enrolled in nine hours. Graduate students must be enrolled in six hours.

Allison McClain, a graduate student who works for the recreation center, said working out there is a good idea.

"I encourage anyone to come because it is a really inexpensive way to stay in shape and stay healthy," McClain said.

The cost to use the recreation

center and its pool facility is included in the cost of tuition for full-time students. However, community members and faculty can buy a pass for a year, a trimester or for a day. To find out more about the fees and hours, call the recreation center at 562-1606 or visit their website at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/sports/reccenter/index.html>.

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Bearcats blow lead again

By JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

Letting another win slip away. That is what the Northwest women's basketball team did Wednesday night as they dropped their sixth straight.

The 'Cats were defeated by their conference rival the Jennies of Central Missouri State University.

Northwest lead by seven at the half, before watching another game slip through their fingers. The Jennies outscored the 'Cats in the second half 48-31 on their way to a 77-67 victory.

The 'Cats dominated the boards in the first half and were on fire, shooting 75 percent from the field as well as successfully hitting six of

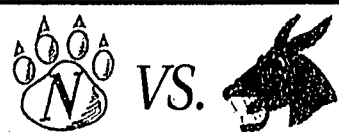
eight three-pointers in the first.

The 'Cats came out strong at the start of the second half going on a 12-5 run extending their lead to 12 with a jump shot by senior Kristen Anderson.

The Jennies fought back going on a 12-1 run with 7:48 to play and took the lead on a layup with 6:29 left in regulation.

Junior Jennifer Gries hit a 3-pointer to cut the Jennies lead to three with less than four minutes left to play. It was not enough as Central Missouri was able to hold on for the win.

Considering the recent losses, women's head coach Gene Steinmeyer is staying optimistic about his team.



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Bearcats lose sixth straight game in the MIAA

"I don't want to minimize the losing, but I feel pretty good about the team right now," Steinmeyer said. "The main reason is our seniors are really doing a great job right now."

Steinmeyer feels that even with two recent losses, a lot of the team's problems have been cleared up in

the past week.

"The seniors took care of that," Steinmeyer said. "The team has played very well together and there has been some resolve in the locker room."

Saturday the 'Cats traveled to Southwest Baptist to take on the Bearcats.

The story was much the same for the 'Cats.

Northwest went into the half clinching on to a one-point lead that they were unable to maintain.

Southwest outscored Northwest in the second half 36-27 on their way to a 78-70 victory.

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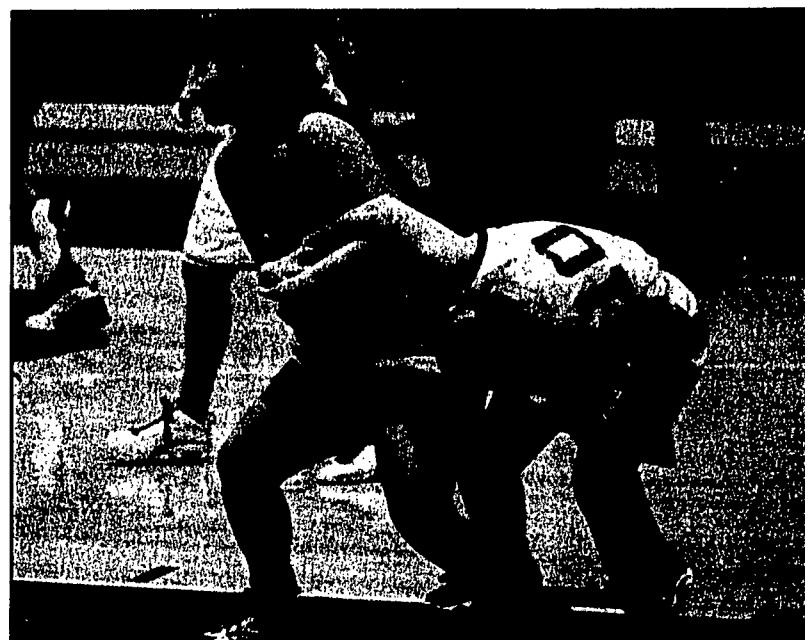


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Senior guard Dena McMullen fights for the ball with Central guard Molly Knobbe. The 'Cats dropped their sixth straight in the MIAA with a 77-67 loss.

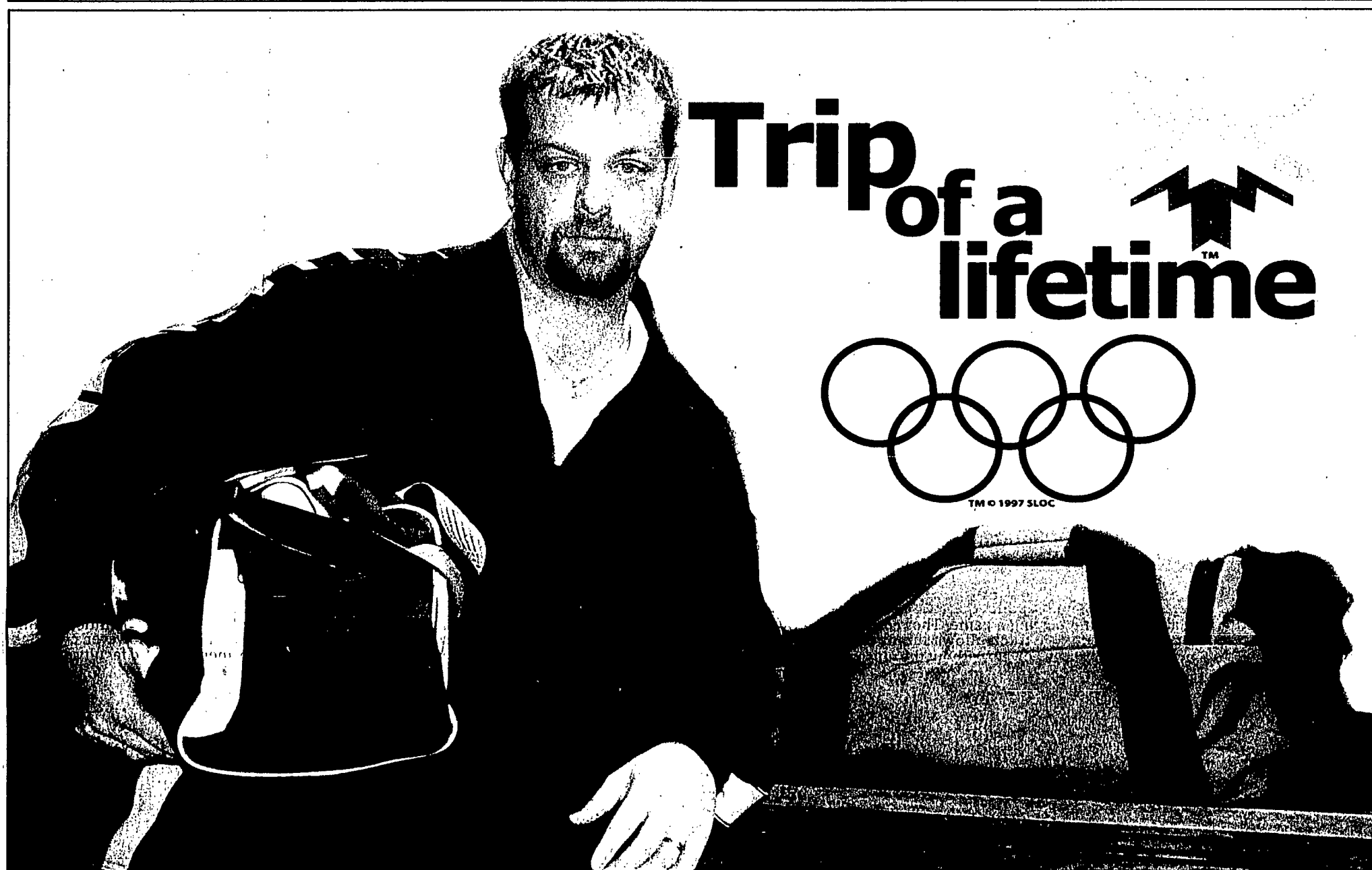


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Trip of a lifetime

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

Northwest Sports Information Director Andy Seeley is getting the opportunity to have a job many people would like to have as well.

Seeley will be the mixed zone supervisor for speed skating at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

His job is to make sure people enter the mixed zone, the area between the lockers and where the competitions are held. He will also be a press steward for opening and closing ceremonies.

Seeley said the contacts he made as the SID for USA Roller Sports helped him land his job.

"A couple of years ago I was at the roller sports convention in St. Louis, the summer of '99, and one of the

guys I knew from the different things in the Olympics and who was a roommate of mine at the Pan-American Games in 1995 is now in charge of media services for the Salt Lake organizing committee," Seeley said.

"He was looking for SIDs that felt like they could get away and get out there and do some work for a month and I said, 'Hey, if my boss will let me, I will be out there.'"

A 1997 graduate of Northwest, Seeley thought once he returned to Maryville that he would not get the opportunity to work internationally anymore.

"When I first came back to Northwest I didn't ever expect to work an international competition," Seeley said. "I knew it was maybe an outside possibility, sort of a long shot,

but it just worked out. I was in the right place at the right time and knew the right kind of people. I am sure looking forward to it."

Seeley said it carries extra meaning to work at the Olympics after Sept. 11.

"There's obviously going to be a lot more security and its going to be a lot more patriotic when an American reaches the medal stand," Seeley said. "As for me personally, I am no more or less worried about anything happening, but it is certainly going to be neat to see. The Olympics always bring out patriotism and this year it is going to be even more."

He will leave Jan. 31 and return Feb. 25 leaving the sports information department to Assistant Sports Information Director Allison Strong,

a decision he does not regret at all.

"They'll do fine," Seeley said. "Brandie (Davidson) and Allison have been on the staff for a while, so I am not concerned. The important thing is that it is in the middle of basketball season, so they have been through the process and they know what to do on a daily basis. There is nothing new, there isn't going to be any new surprises. The other thing is that the other SIDs in the conference are very helpful and supportive. I just hope they don't realize that they don't need me when I come back."

Part of being at the Olympics is getting to take in some of the events, a chance Seeley did not know if he would get.

"It's going to be pretty full days,"

Seeley said. "Fortunately with speed skating, the schedule is pretty light. There is one event a day and about three hours of competition a day, but we need to be there for practices before and after competition. There's a chance I may get to see a few events and maybe do a little sight seeing but probably not a whole lot. Mostly I will be doing work."

Being gone for a month, Seeley will leave the undefeated men's team behind, but said it is worth it.

"It would be tough for me to leave no matter what their rank or record is," Seeley said. "I bleed green. I just really enjoy my job and going to all those games. Hey, it's a great season and I am sorry I am going to miss some of it but it's not an opportunity that comes around everyday."

THE SEELEY FILE

■ Seeley is a Northwest Missouri State alum, graduating in 1997.

■ He made his contacts to land his job at Salt Lake City when he worked as the sports information director at USA Roller Sports.

■ USA Roller Sports is affiliated with the Olympic Committee, and the athletes compete in the Pan-American Games.

■ This is not the first international competition Seeley has been involved with. He was part of the Pan-American Games in 1995.

■ He will be gone Jan. 31-Feb. 25 and will be the mixed zone supervisor for the speed skating competition. He will also be a media steward for the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONY FACTS

■ The Opening Ceremonies will take place on Feb. 8. The Closing Ceremonies will conclude the Olympics on Feb. 24.

■ The ceremonies will be produced by Don Micher Productions. Micher Productions is from Los Angeles and has won an Emmy Award while being in the business for 20 years.

■ The expected television audience is 3.5 billion people for the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

■ Tickets in the 'A' section for the Opening Ceremonies cost \$885 per ticket.

■ The headliner of the Opening Ceremonies is Grammy Award-winning singer Sting. Also performing is the country group The Dixie Chicks, LeAnn Rimes and the local Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

■ There will be 5,000-7,000 federal agents, state and local law enforcement officials working the Olympic games. In addition, military personnel in the thousands will also be supporting public safety agencies. Finally, more than 5,000 personnel trained for security roles will also be provided by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

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Northwest men's basketball

'Cats defeat Mules 78-54, move streak to 16 games

By JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

Mark up a couple more tallies in the win column for the Northwest men's basketball team.

Getting a strong effort from senior guard Jerry Hudson, the 'Cats knocked off conference rival Central Missouri State University 78-54.

Northwest led 37-25 at the half by using a slashing offense and getting to the hoop for layups.

The second half the Mules tried to play a zone defense but that did not work either.

Hudson finished the game with a team-high 22 points.

The 'Cats continued their conference domination with a win over Southwest Baptist Bearcats and the Washburn Ichabods.

The 'Cats traveled to Bolivar Saturday afternoon. The 'Cats found them-

selves in unfamiliar territory when for the first time this season they were trailing at the half 31-30.

A lay-up by senior Matt Rowan with 16:51 left in the second half tied the score at 37 each.

Less than a minute later sophomore Kelvin Parker hit another lay-up to give the 'Cats their first lead of the game. Southwest regained the lead before a three-pointer by senior Jerry Hudson with 7:34 left in regulation put the 'Cats on top 58-55.

After that there was no looking back as the 'Cats pulled away from Southwest on their way to an 82-67 victory.

Men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer felt that the game was closer than the final score indicated.

"It was a situation that we didn't feel like we were very sharp, but we felt that they were a pretty good basketball team too," Tappmeyer said. "Southwest Bap-



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Bearcats move to 16-0 overall

tist did a lot of things better than we did in that ball game that could of cost us the win. We just ended up shooting the ball well enough and made the big plays to win the ball game."

The win extends the 'Cats record to 15-0 overall and 7-0 in the MIAA.

The 'Cats won a nail bitter when they defeated conference rivals the Washburn Ichabods 67-65 Jan. 16 in Topeka, Kan.

Last season the Ichabods defeated

the 'Cats in both the conference and regional tournaments.

The 'Cats took the lead at 4:45 into the game with a lay-up by sophomore Kelvin Parker that sparked an 11-0 run by Northwest.

The 'Bods cut the lead to four as the 'Cats went into the locker room with a 32-28 lead.

In the second half the 'Cats came out strong extending their led by as much as 11 in the first five minutes. The 'Bods refused to give in and cut the lead to four with just 1:18 left in regulation.

The 'Cats unbeaten record was put in jeopardy when Washburn hit a three-pointer cut the lead to one with less than a minute to play.

Then with 25 seconds left in the contest Rowan hit his second free throw to give Northwest a 67-65 the victory.

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Maryville boys' basketball

'Hounds aim to find focus this weekend

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Unable to obtain revenge against Chillicothe, the 'Hounds will attempt to get back on track during a three-game stretch this week in front of a home crowd.

"What we really have to do, once again, is bounce back," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "After Auburn, all we have left is conference games, so we really have to get our focus together and keep on task because there won't be any easy games from now on."

The last non-conference game of the season takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday against Auburn, a Nebraska team.

"Auburn is a very aggressive team," Kuwitzky said as his team practiced in preparation for the game. "They press, trap, scramble and play physical. They try to create a chaotic scene to get you to play out of your game."

Following the match, the 'Hounds will finish the month against two conference teams, the Benton Cardinals and the Platte County Pirates.

The 'Hounds, who began the season with only one

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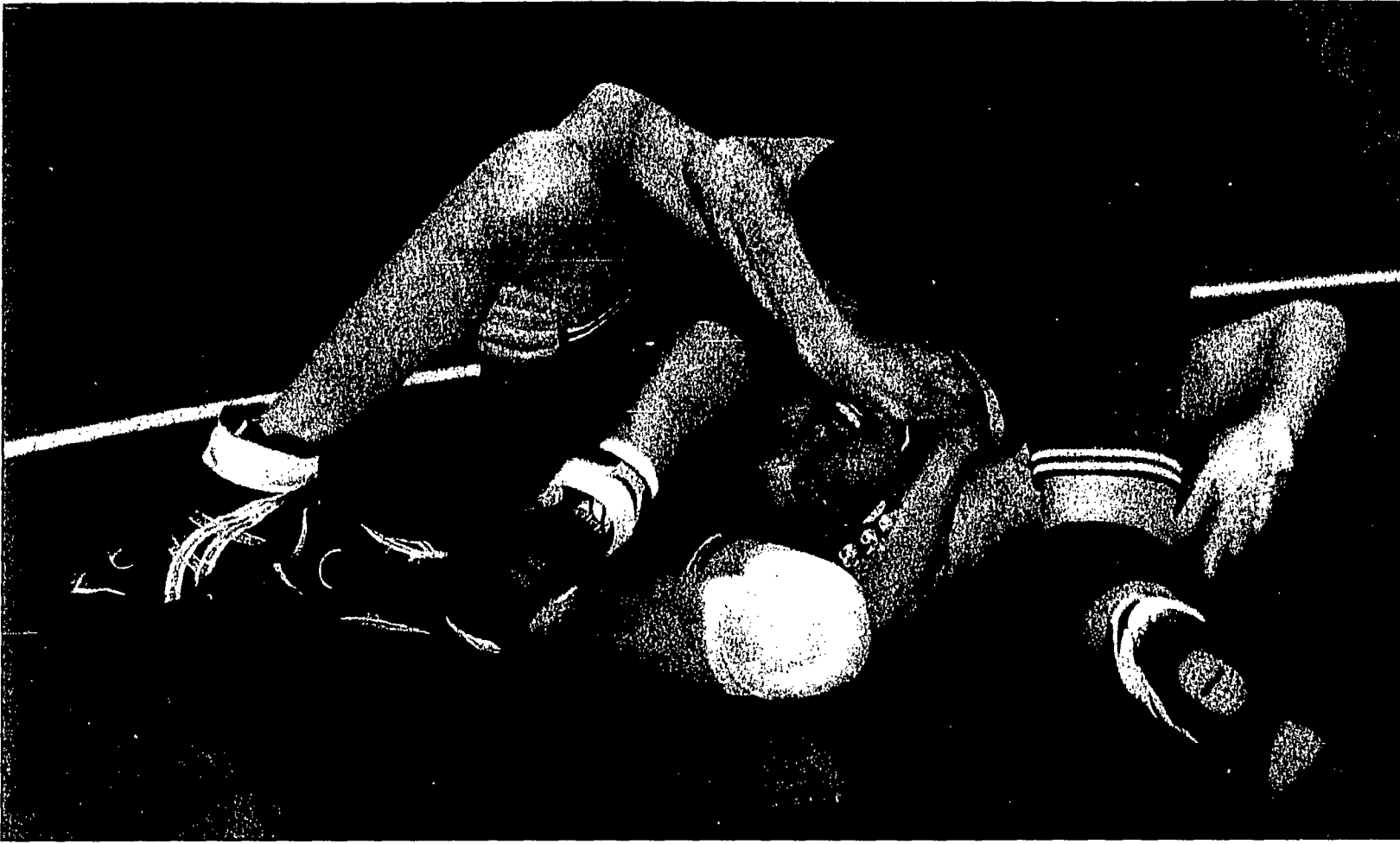


PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR
Maryville freshman Jason Tuggle struggles to break free from Benton's David Loubey in their 103 lb. match. The 'Hounds won the meet 54-27 and are in action again Saturday when they play host to the Maryville Varsity Tournament. The 'Hounds lost a duel against state powerhouse Platte County last Thursday 70-3.

Maryville wrestling

'Hounds take down Benton in duel win

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 'Hounds have had a rocky week including a 70-3 spanking by Platte County followed by a 54-27 win over Benton.

With the regular season nearing the end, the 'Hounds are preparing for a busy week, facing the Smithville Warriors Thursday followed by the Maryville Varsity Tournament Saturday.

The 'Hounds plan to stick to the fundamentals as opposed to any tricky maneuvering against Smithville in the last conference match of the season.

"We're not doing anything special in preparation," head coach Joe Drake said. "We need to work on our pinning combinations, which right now seems to be a weakness."

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returning starter, are becoming more experienced and will use this to their advantage in the upcoming games.

"We're going to be a much more patient team and play under more control, like backing our defense up a little instead of extending it as far as we thought we might earlier in the season," Kuwitzky said.

The 'Hounds face the Cardinals at 8 p.m. Friday and face the Pirates 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The 'Hounds were once again unable to stop the Hornets in

for us. We're going to work on those and hopefully be mentally ready to go Thursday."

The meet against the Warriors is scheduled for 6 p.m. in Smithville.

Following the meet, the 'Hounds will have one day off before playing host to the Maryville Tournament Saturday, which Drake expects will be a challenging and successful event.

"Everyone who has been to it before knows it is a really hard, balanced tournament," Drake said. "Everyone will be challenged individually and teamwise. I don't see anyone just walking away with it."

In a short meet Tuesday against the Benton Cardinals, the 'Hounds walked away with a commanding 54-27 victory.

However, 36 of Maryville's points

Chillicothe Jan. 18. Chillicothe shooting-guard Mority Preston hit seven three-pointers, four in the first quarter, to help hand Maryville a 70-58 loss.

The Hornets controlled the first two quarters, leading the 'Hounds 44-19 at the half.

However, the 'Hounds attempted a second half comeback and outscored the Hornets 39-26 in the last two quarters.

Unfortunately, the figures did not add up and the 'Hounds fell for the second time this season to Chillicothe, this time by the score 70-58.

Senior Ross Hullinger led the 'Hounds in the game with 14

points, followed by junior Dylan Hurst with 11 and freshman Josh Wilmes with 10.

"It was one of those games where we weren't as focused as we needed to be, and they just shot the lights out," Kuwitzky said. "We're not playing that bad on defense, we just didn't count on them hitting every shot."

The 'Hounds will get another shot at revenge against the Hornets Feb. 4. First though, they will play three games in a span of six days, with matchups against Auburn, Neb., Benton and Platte County.

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came from six weight classes that Benton could not fill and the first five of the remaining 'Hound wrestlers were defeated, four by pins.

'Hound grappler sophomore Joe Drake, Jr. took the mat in the sixth match and pinned his opponent with two seconds left in the first period.

This seemed to give the 'Hounds the fire they needed as the final two matches ended with Maryville pins by freshmen Skyler Vandiver and Colby Chesnut to secure the win.

Although wrestling teams that leave open weight classes provide forfeit points, it also produces some negative effects.

"It's hard to get a good crowd and to get the team excited with so many open classes," Drake said. "We have to work mentally to keep

focused to the fact that we still have to go out there and wrestle."

Ironically, as the meet was held on Senior Night, the open classes also prevented seniors Jake Lancaster and C.J. Messner from competing.

The win may help the 'Hounds bounce back after a 70-3 loss Jan. 17 to Platte County in which only one Maryville wrestler, junior Derek Merrill, won his class.

"We're glad to get ourselves back on track again and wrestle more our style," Drake said after the Benton meet. "We let ourselves get taken out last week (vs. Platte County) but we were much more aggressive tonight."

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Maryville girls' basketball

Spoofhounds prepare for MEC force

By ASHLEE ERWIN
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Following a disappointing finish in the Bishop Miege Tournament, the Maryville girls' basketball team has closed the door on past performances and opened the door to their nemesis Savannah.

The 10-8 'Hounds head to Savannah Friday for a non-conference match-up with the Savages. The Savages have long been the team to beat in the Midland Empire

Conference, handing Maryville two regular-season losses last year and a 65-43 loss in last season's district semifinal game.

Head coach Randall Cook said defense will be key in trying to break Savannah's stranglehold on the 'Hounds, but offensively his team will have to step up.

"Against this team you can't exchange baskets with them," Cook said. "You can hold them down and you can slow them down a little bit,

but we're going to have to score."

Junior Cauleen Bradley agreed with the game plan.

"We had some trouble shooting in the Bishop Miege Tournament, so, besides defense, we need to definitely start putting our shots in," Bradley said. "Our shooting percentage hasn't been too high, and we also need to rebound a lot better."

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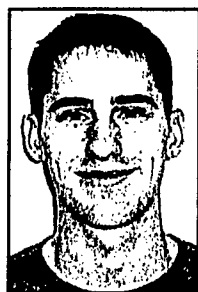
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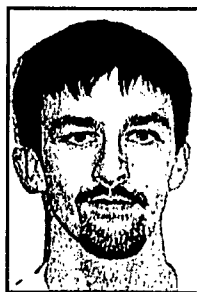
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What is the biggest reason for the success of the men's basketball team this season?



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"Raw talent and good coaching with a few of Tap's Troops." Joe Girdner MIS major



"Hard work and determination." Erin McMullen Bio psychology major



"Northwest pride and dedication." Rob Pangburn Agriculture education major

SPORTS TALK

Editor likes team's work

I do not know about everyone else but I could not possibly be more excited about the men's basketball team. They have started the season 15-0, a mark that the team has not touched since the 1939-40 season.

The thing I believe that makes this team great is they truly do work as a team each and every game.

Over the weekend I was asked, "Who would you say the leader on this year's team is?" I sat back and thought for a moment. No one came to mind. There is no leader. I can not think of any team that I can honestly say that about. The leadership role on this year's team is equally shared among the entire team.

While talking to several of the players over the past few weeks, ev-



JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

ery one of them has referred to their fellow teammates as unselfish players.

They all say they are friends both on and off the court and that is what helps lead to their success. They all have trust in each other when the game is on the line.

That, in my opinion, is the reason for this team's success, unselfishness and hard work.

If this team is looking at thoughts of an undefeated season, then they keep them to themselves. Their egos are not inflated. They know that any team in the MIAA is capable of defeating any other team in the conference.

This is a team that truly displays sportsmanship at its finest. So for any of you in the community that have kids that were big fans of Den-

nis Rodman or worship Shaq, I would recommend that you bring your kids to see Coach Tappmeyer's group.

While you are at it come early and watch the women's team play. I know they have had a little bad luck the last few weeks, but they still deserve the community's full support. A couple of large turnouts at the start home games could be the spark to light the fire the gets the lady 'Cats back on track.

This year's Cats are nothing more than a group of honest hard-working college students that rely on each other and not themselves to win.

Neither the team nor any of its members are caught up in their success. They are simply a group of players that truly love and play the game the way it is suppose to be played.

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Northwest indoor track and field

Tracksters start season strong

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest's track teams gave a strong overall performance at their first track meet of 2002.

"We came in here hoping to get some fast times," junior Joel Terry said. "It's always good to get a meet underneath your belt."

After a layoff of about a month and a half, both the men and women left the Dennis Young Invitational winning the overall team scoring.

"It was a good overall effort," women's coach Vicki Wooten said. "For the most part we had a good competition."

The men's team ended with a total score of 130 which beat out Mid-America Nazarine, who placed second just behind Northwest with a 119. The women, however, ran away with a total score of 167, beating second-place Wayne State who only tallied 67 points.

"We had a lot of win events and we placed a lot of people in a lot of events," men's coach Richard Alsop said.

Terry, senior April House, and sophomore Mary Wirt each qualified provisionally for nationals. Terry's time of 7.68 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles also won him the event. House finished first in the 55-meter dash with her time of 7.21

seconds and she also placed second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.22 seconds. Wirt took second place in the weight throw with a toss of 50 feet, 5.5 inches.

Other athletes to finish first in their events were juniors Jenny Simmons and Ryan Miller in the pole vault, Kyle Keraus in the 800-meter run, Meriah Clark in the high jump, sophomore Daniel McKim in the weight throw and shot put, and freshman Jamaica Rector in the long jump.

Simmons leaped to a height of 10 feet, 6 inches and Miller soared to a height of 15 feet. Clark leaped her way to a height of 5 feet while Rector jumped to a distance of 23 feet 2.5 inches.

Keraus ran past the other competitors with a time of 1:58.33. McKim followed up his strong performance at Iowa State with a toss

of 49 feet, 10.5 inches in the weight throw and a heave of 50 feet, 4.5 inches in the shot put.

"We had a good overall start," Alsop said. "We have a long way to go, but we have gotten off to a good start."

Even though Northwest walks away from this meet with a victory, the coaches and some of the athletes feel, going into the harder part of the track season, there is a lot of work to be done.

"I think our conditioning isn't where it needs to be yet," Terry said. "A couple of more weeks of hitting it hard and getting our legs and our lungs back underneath us will get us where we need to be."

Northwest's next competition will be at noon, Saturday, in the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

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"We came in here hoping to get some fast times. It's always nice to get a meet underneath your belt."

JOEL TERRY
MEN'S TRACK TEAM

SEC baseball

Florida pitching is left unsettled after pitchers transfers to Tampa

By DAVID FOX
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR

U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. - The Florida baseball team opened practice Monday without one of the more versatile pitchers on its staff.

Joey Simon transferred in late December to Division II Tampa. Simon reportedly also was considering South Florida, also in Tampa.

The Tampa native was arrested Sept. 19 on felony grand theft charges after stealing \$3,000 worth of tires and rims off one car and placing them on his.

"We feel very strongly that there are certain things a student-athlete here at Florida needs to do, and we needed to make some tough decisions in the best interests of the club," new coach Pat McMahon said. "There are some things to me that are very important for a young man to understand what it means to be a University of Florida base-

ball player in all facets."

Simon led the Gators in wins with a 7-6 record and innings pitched with 88 1/3. The right-hander finished with a 6.22 ERA in 24 appearances.

Simon's departure brings up new concerns of a pitching staff that struggled last year.

The Gators finished second to last in the Southeastern Conference with a 5.62 ERA, ahead of Tennessee.

In addition to Simon, UF lost seven pitchers.

Jay Belflower was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 17th round of the 2001 Major League Baseball Draft.

Key arms in the bullpen such as Eddie Rojas, Kenny Birch and Keith Brice left when their eligibility was up.

Last year's closer and the Gators' leader in ERA, Keith Ramsey, may be moved to the starting rotation. The left-hander started in UF's first

scrimmage Tuesday.

The loss of pitchers in the bullpen and the arrival of a new coaching staff may help new pitchers break out, McMahon said.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for guys that maybe did not play as well to move forward. Secondly, the new recruit players, for those guys to step up," McMahon said.

The roles in the pitching staff have not been determined, and Simon's absence may be impossible to weigh because he could have been a starter, middle reliever or even closer this season.

After the second practice of the season, McMahon said the pitchers' roles are still being determined.

"You look at players who have pitched here before and who have pitched in the league and need to step forward," McMahon said. "We've put a lot of leadership responsibilities on guys who have been here because that experience to us is a very important part."

By CHICO HARLAN
DAILY ORANGE (SYRACUSE U.)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH - Following a loss in which Syracuse was pounded on the boards, all talk centers on rebounding.

That is, how the Orangemen can possibly return to the promise their season held just five days ago before a pair of road defeats.

In front of a deafening, sellout crowd of 6,798 at Fitzgerald Field House, Pittsburgh hammered the No. 12 Orange men last night, 72-57, posting a staggering edge in rebounding while pushing within a half game of Syracuse (16-4, 5-1 Big East) for the Big East West lead.

Julius Page led the Panthers (17-3, 5-2) with 21 points, but it was the rebounding and defensive work of teammates Jaron Brown and Torea Morris that kept the Orangemen from making a run.

"We usually get up there in the 75-, 80-point range," freshman Craig Fort said. "So to knock us down 20 points is quite an accomplishment. So yeah, I'd say they're pretty darn good."

No witness will question that now. Brown, a 6-foot-4 guard, provided a multitude of second-chance points for the

Panthers — a stat in which they held a 22-0 edge. Pitt took the lead for good midway through the first half when Brown, who led the team with 10 rebounds, grabbed the ball over a skyline of Orange and snuck a pass to Page, who popped an open three-pointer.

"Jaron Brown — he's a tough

little dude," said Syracuse center Billy Celuck, who tapped in a season-high six points. "He goes outside and inside and he's got a big body that's tough to move."

Now, the Panthers are on the move. Ranked 25th in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll entering the week, Pitt wakes up this morning within striking distance of the Orangemen. The teams meet again Feb. 10 at the Carrier Dome.

By then, head coach Jim Boeheim hopes to have rectified most of what he saw last night.

"If you take away the rebounding problems it's, at worse, an even game," Boeheim said, noting the 43-18 rebounding deficit against Pittsburgh and a similar, 45-27 difference in the previous game at Tennessee. "I really wish there was other stuff to talk about. This game — you get out rebounded by 25 rebounds, there's not much to talk about."

Aside from Celuck, one other Syracuse player provided some reason for mention. James Thues, who scored a career-high 15 points in 38 minutes, helped keep the game from becoming lopsided.

When Thues' layup at 7:19 of the second swirled in to make the score 54-47, concern on the Panther bench grew. Pitt point guard Brandin Knight said.

Last season, Pittsburgh lost to the Orangemen at the Field House after holding a 15-point lead. More recently, the Panthers allowed Georgetown to come back from 17 points down and Rutgers to rally

from 14.

"But we came together," said Knight, who notched a double-double with 12 points and 11 assists. "We decided that we weren't going to let this one slip away. We had some big defensive stops, especially with our rebounding at the end of the game. That's the way we've got to put teams away."

Just when it appeared SU was charging for another frantic comeback, Knight did exactly that. Preston Shumpert, who paced the Orangemen with 17 points yet had just six in the second half, started the potential SU comeback with a drive into the paint plus a foul. Celuck followed on the next possession by driving down the baseline for a flashy finger-roll.

Then Knight buried a three-pointer, and Page added his own trifecta the next time down the court, putting a quick end to SU's jolt of momentum.

"They had a lot of sparks tonight," Fort said. "But that's only because we weren't playing defense the right way. You can't explain it."

Nor could Fort explain his own performance. The 7-foot center failed to score a point before fouling out with two minutes to play.

"I think we have to get stronger mentally on this team — to begin with, myself," Fort said afterward in a solemn locker room. "I get down on myself way too much, and I'm not playing my best because I get so upset. It's affecting other people because I'm getting so down."

FAN PLAN

Home games

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's bball			Missouri Rolla 3:30 p.m.				Emporia State 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's bball			Missouri Rolla 3:30 p.m.				Emporia State 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track & field			Neb Wesleyan noon				
Maryville boys' bball			Savannah 8 p.m.				
Maryville girls' bball						Platte Co 7 p.m.	
Maryville wrestling	Smithville 6 p.m.		Maryville Var. Tournament 10 a.m.				



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Stroller ponders economics

I would just like to clarify that last week I wasn't just picking on small girls, no, I was picking on all girls that suffer from the "I'm too fat" whining disease. That should clear up any misconceptions about my remarks from last week. So this week I would like to continue my obvious discontent with the dining services at this institution.

I have several problems with them but my major beef is the fact that they have a hard time with the concept of simple math. So let me break it down to you so that all of you college educated people can understand the problem with the thinking of the management over there at the Student Union.

It all started one day when I was looking through my school calendar, you know the one they print the rules in and give everybody at the beginning of the school year. Well, I came across the section discussing my meal plan and how they budget the plan for each of us. They claim that they budget each student \$12 worth of food per day.

That sounds like enough for any reasonable person, right? Wrong, it isn't even close. What they don't tell you is that for a well-balanced meal, which should include all of those things from the food pyramid that any fifth grader over at Horace Mann could tell you about, costs roughly \$6.50.



THE STROLLER

Unless you want something to wash down that grub with. In that case you can add another dollar for a nice healthy pop or more for a bottle of water.

Okay, so simple math here tells you that you have already blown half of your budget on one meal. So you now have \$5-to-\$6 to split between two meals. So does anyone else see why they say you gain the freshmen 50. I do, especially when you are forced to eat unhealthily because you aren't given enough of your own money to eat three good meals a day.

Next I have a problem with their lack of knowledge in the rules of economics. Or should I say they don't have any? Normally, a company will price items compared to what the competition is selling their products for. The local gas station (notorious for ripping people

off) charges three dollars for ice cream but Aramark won't be beat, they charge close to five bucks for the same pint of ice cream.

Which leads me to the conclusion that all that the multimillion dollar company of Aramark is trying to do is rip us off and they don't care how or where. I find it hard to believe that an international company is so hard up on cash that they can't even compete with the stores in Maryville.

It just floors me to know that big corporations don't care enough for their employees or their customers, and yet they are the ones that make the most money in this world.

I would imagine that next time the University's contract with Aramark comes up they won't take all this into consideration. They probably won't even ask the students or employees what they think of the service received by the current situation.

I guess that only time will tell. For the mean time I'm going to ask all of you business majors to explain why we as smart consumers keep putting up with this from our campus dining but we wouldn't even start to accept another business that pulled these same stunts.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW

'Ali' movie throws punches, fails to connect

By **BOBBY GUMM**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The hype surrounding the new movie "Ali" prior to its release was well deserved. After all, Will Smith's performance was supposed to be the best of his career, the supporting actors, namely Jon Voight, are some of the best in the business, and Michael Mann is considered one of the best directors in Hollywood today. Sounds like a sure fire hit, but once again Hollywood doesn't fail to let us down.

Let's start with the positive. Smith's performance as Muhammad Ali is the best of his career and one of the best of the year. Watching him absorb into Ali's enigmatic persona was a real treat. He was believable in every way from his nearly incomprehensible confidence in the ring to his witty word play with legendary sports commentator Howard Cosell.

Hollywood legend Jon Voight also

delivers a solid performance as Cosell, but the big surprise comes in the performance by Jamie Foxx as Drew Brown. Like Smith, Foxx has primarily chosen comedic roles before this one, but in "Ali" he possesses another dimension in his acting abilities.

Aside from the acting, the film has little to offer. As with most bad films, the main problem lies in the script. The movie never really seemed to take a direction. It was merely one aimless re-enactment after another and appeared as if the writers flipped through Ali's biography with their eyes closed, choosing chapters at random.

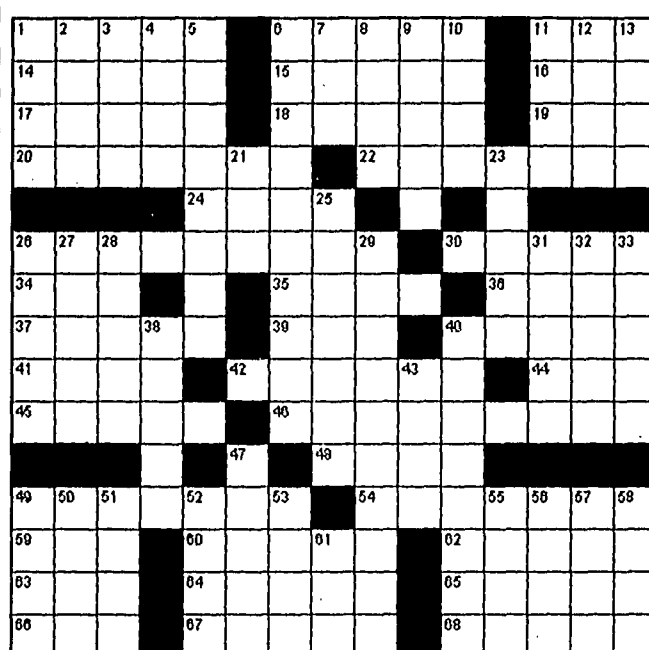
The scenes that the film focused on were long and proved to be the least important, while the major scenes were brushed aside like unwanted dirt. The boxing scenes were well done, but served little purpose in telling the story. After all, we have

all seen Ali box and, for the most part, we know the outcomes of the fights. I'm not saying the boxing scenes didn't need to be shown, but they didn't deserve as much focus as they received.

On a technical basis, Michael Mann's direction is sound. The boxing scenes come to life with some innovative photography and his static camera movement works to keep the pace up. Unfortunately, the horrible script makes these efforts futile and once again proves you can't make a good movie out of a bad script.

"Ali" joins a long list of disappointments Hollywood has delivered us this year. It is worth seeing merely for the performances, but wait for it to come out on home video. It took nearly four years of development for this film to get off the ground. Normally, that is a long time, but it appears they should have waited a little longer.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Male animals
6. Dashboard (mainly Brit)
11. Cosmetic, drug and food assessors
14. Judging committee
15. Iranian money
16. Outer edge
17. Starting musical passage
18. Acknowledged to be true
19. First Lady?
20. Capital of Bhutan
22. Characteristic of the pampas
24. Engine housings
26. Luminescent

Down

30. Underwater worker
34. Top fighter pilot
35. Overdue
36. Tudor statesman
37. Coldly
39. Hard tough wood
40. Military chapel
41. Hick
42. Not luxurious
44. Stunned
45. Scent
46. Not permanent
48. Old English annual or semi-annual court
49. Shacks against

Across

4. Seed
5. Messily
6. Dishonest
7. Help
8. Temporary shelter
9. Of the upper hipbone
10. Material testing agency
11. At large
12. Distinguished female singer
13. So be it
21. Entire (prefix)
23. First ballerina
25. Surgical knife
26. Monetary unit of Nigeria
27. Come to mind
28. Crybaby tree
29. Evaporation measuring instruments
31. Russian liquor
32. Inaccuracy
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63. Nontextual matter
64. Occur again
65. Thespian
66. Insect
67. Requires
68. Units of loudness

Down

1. Narrow point of land
2. Hyperbolic tangent
3. Not in favor of

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Answers can be found on page 4C

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Jan. 26 **Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash**
Beaumont Club

Jan. 29 **DC Talk**
Hale Arena/ American Royal Center

Jan. 30 **Centro-Matic**
Uptown Theatre

DES MOINES

Jan. 26 **Sam Myers**
Blues on Grand

Jan. 26 **Mason Jennings**
Maintenance Shop

Jan. 26 **G.B. Leighton**
House of Bricks

Jan. 31 **Inspection 12**
Maintenance Shop

OMAHA

Jan. 25 **Wayne Newton**
Harrah's Council Bluffs

Jan. 26 **The Gadjits**
Cog Factory

Jan. 31 **Tony Furtado**
Sokol Auditorium

Jan. 31 **Willie Nelson**
Omaha Music Hall

on the edge

Basketball facts:

■ In 1894, A.G. Spalding & Bros. in Chicopee, Mass. invented the first official basketball. The first balls were made of panels of leather that were stitched together over a rubber bladder.

■ According to manufacturer Spalding, the average lifespan of an NBA basketball is 10,000 bounces.

■ Basketball got its name from the half-bushel peach baskets used as targets by the originator, James A. Naismith, in 1891.

■ Basketball is the most popular sport among college women.

■ Kareem Abdul-Jabbar racked up the greatest number of personal fouls in his professional career - 4,657 of them.

■ On Jan. 15, 1892, the first basketball rulebook was published.

■ Seven-foot-two Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was born just a bit longer than the average newborn at 22 1/2 inches, but he weighed a hefty 12 pounds, 11 ounces. His name at birth was Lewis Alcindor.

■ About 30 percent of NBA players sport tattoos, compared with about 4 percent of the nation's population.

■ Basketball's three-point field goal distance, established by the NBA, is 22 feet, 1.75 inches. Internationally, it's set at 20 feet, 6.1 inches.

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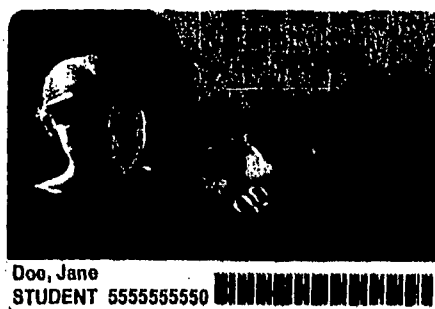
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Top 10 spring break locations

When planning a spring break trip, college students factor in several aspects; price, location, safety and fun. To help narrow down a destination, The Travel Channel released a list of the top 10 spring break destinations for college students. All rates are for double occupancy rooms.

10. Key West, Fla.

Although expensive, Key West is tailored for a college student on spring break. Set up to be a "party town," residents are used to students on break and that is the town's attraction.

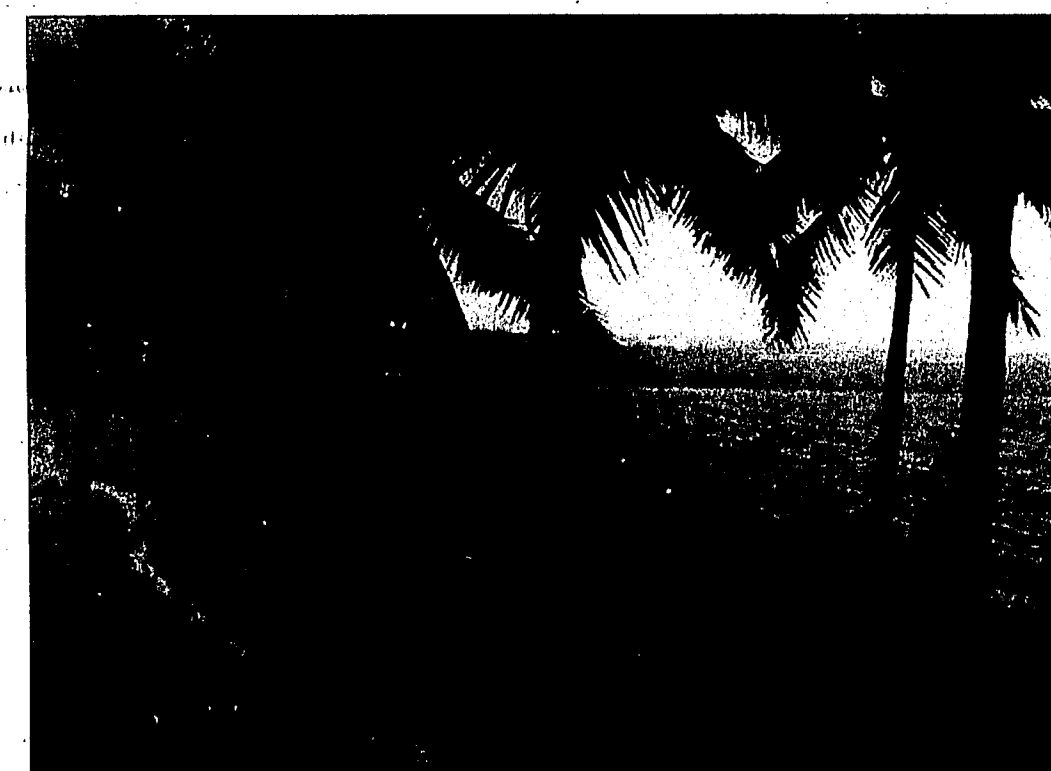
Accommodations:
Casa Marina Resort - Three hundred and eleven rooms and suites, two pools and the largest beach in Key West. Cheapest room: \$239 per night, through March 31 www.casamarinakeywest.com
The Galleon Resort - Condos with a beach and marina. Cheapest room: \$175 per night www.galleonresort.com

Southernmost motel - The most southern point in the United States, two poolside tiki bars and public beach access. Cheapest room: \$175 per night www.oldtownresorts.com/southernmost.htm

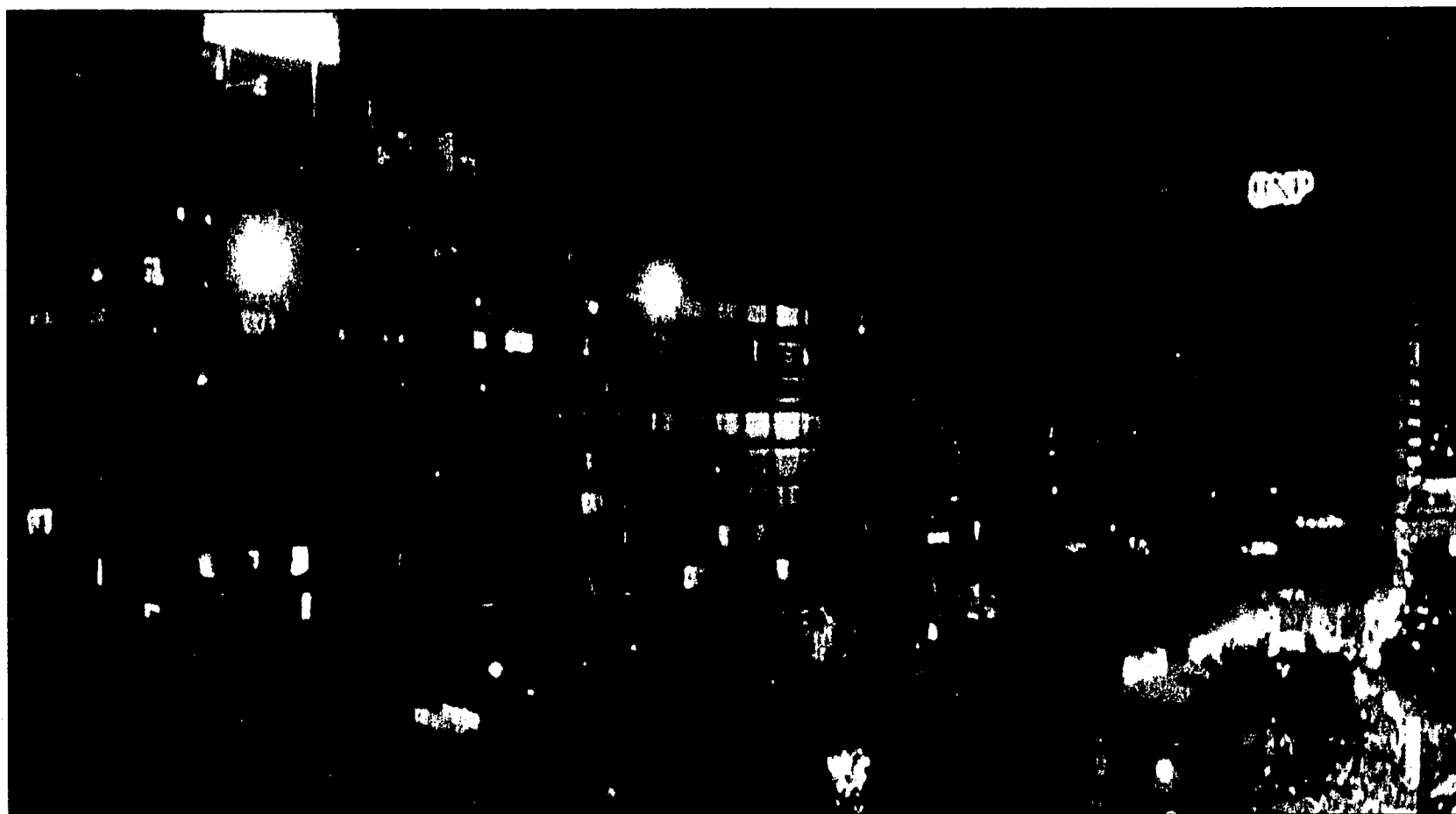
9. Rosarito Beach, Baja, Calif., Mexico

A cheap destination, Rosarito Beach is located an hour south of San Diego and the drinking age here is 18.

Accommodations:
Quinta Terranova - A beachfront moderate hotel with rooms and suites and spring break packages available. Cheapest room: unavailable www.quintaterranova.com
Baisas del Mar - Elegant hotel located one block from the beach. Cheapest room: unavailable www.hotelbrisas.com



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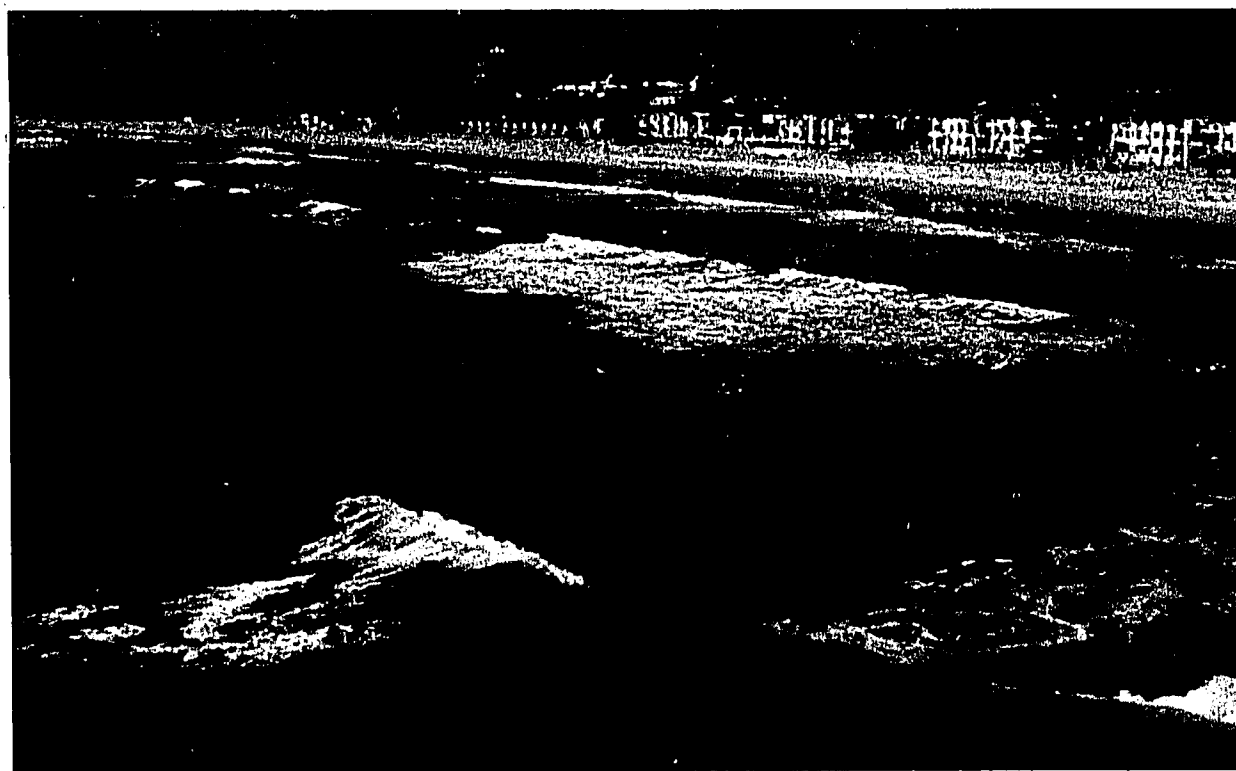
Panama City lights up the night sky as students on spring prepare for a night out. No matter where students go for spring break, parties and clubs are popular nighttime activities. It is important to remember cover charges to bars and clubs and the price of food and drinks when planning a spring break budget.

Festival Plaza - A mini-theme park that offers Ferris wheels, street performers and a festival atmosphere. Cheapest room: unavailable www.festivalplazahotel.com

8. Mazatlan, Mexico

Another inexpensive destination, Mazatlan offers everything needed for a great spring break.

Accommodations:
Torre Tropicana - High-rise hotel in the middle of the action. Cheapest room: unavailable www.torretropicana.com
Los Sabalos - Beachfront hotel with rooms, suites and activities. Cheapest room: \$100 per night www.losabalos.com
Las Flores - High-rise, beachfront hotel, most rooms come with kitchenettes. Cheapest room: \$75 per night www.lasflores.com



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7. Bahamas (Nassau and Paradise Island)

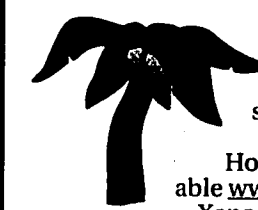
Expensive, but beautiful and laid back, the drinking age here is 18 and there are two casinos.

Accommodations:
Atlantis - Elegant and classy in Paradise Island. Cheapest room: \$350 www.atlantis.com
Comfort Suites Paradise Island - Across from the Atlantis at a fraction of the cost and you get to use the Atlantis facilities. Cheapest room: \$220 per night www.hotelview.com
Radisson Cable Beach Resort - Large resort in the middle of Cable Beach with a casino next door. Cheapest room: unavailable www.radissoncablebeach.com



6. Daytona, Fla.

Daytona offers beaches, sun and parties. What else could you want?
Accommodations:
Adams Mark - MTV once held its parties in front of this hotel. Although the station has moved down the beach a little, this is still a hot spot from spring breakers. Cheapest room: unavailable www.adamsmark.com
Desert Inn Resort - Large beachfront resort with pool deck parties with DJs. Cheapest room: \$100 per night, with a seven-night minimum stay www.desertinnresort.com
Flamingo Inn - Only students are allowed to stay during spring break. Cheapest room: unavailable www.daytonamotel.com/springbreak



5. Lake Havasu, Ariz.

Home to the London Bridge, this Colorado River community has become a popular spring break location.
Accommodations:
Holiday Inn - One hundred and sixteen rooms with views of the lake. Cheapest room: unavailable www.basshotels.com
Xanadu Condos - One to three bedroom condos and townhouses. Cheapest room: \$74 per night www.xanaducondos.com
Nautical Inn - Beachfront hotel and condos with golf course. Cheapest room: \$100 per night www.nauticalinn.com



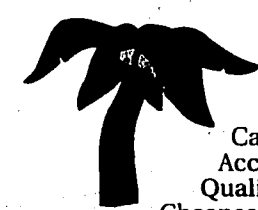
4. Jamaica (Negril)

With an "anything goes" attitude, Jamaica has been a favorite of spring breakers for years.
Accommodations:
Hedonism II - More expensive, but all-inclusive. Cheapest room: unavailable www.superclubs.com
Home Sweet Home - A cliff-side resort where each room comes with a private verandah. Cheapest room: \$110 per night www.homesweethomeresort.net
Negril Treehouse - Great view of the beach and an in-house restaurant. Cheapest room: \$157 per night www.negril.com



3. South Padre Island, Texas

With clean beaches, warm weather and beautiful surf, South Padre is easy to get to, not too expensive and fun for anyone.
Accommodations:
Radisson Resort - Coca Cola Beach is located in front with action all day and night. Cheapest room: \$95 per night www.radissonspi.com
Padre South Resort - Inexpensive beachfront resort with kitchen units. Cheapest room: \$160 per night www.ies.net/padresouth
Bahia Mar - Beachfront hotel offers foam parties, a mechanical bull and two swimming pools. Cheapest room: unavailable www.bahiamar.com



2. Cancun, Mexico

Offering thousands of beachfront rooms and condos, and tons of clubs, it's no wonder Cancun is number two.
Accommodations:
Quality Calinda Beach - Four hundred and sixteen rooms and suites and two swimming pools. Cheapest room: unavailable www.canexp.com/hotels
Flamingo Cancun Resort - Breakfast included in the rate. Cheapest room: \$168 per night www.hotelscancun.com/flamingo
Mision Miramar - Rooftop Jacuzzi's, great location and reasonable rates. Cheapest room: unavailable www.hotelbook.com/static



1. Panama City, Fla.

With a community used to rowdy spring breakers, Panama City caters to college students. Plenty of clubs, restaurants and attractions are also offered.
Accommodations:
Sands Beach Resort - Heated pool, laundry facilities and kitchenettes available. Cheapest room: \$90 per night www.sugarsands.com
Holiday Inn Sunspree - Semi-circular hotel where every room has a view of the Gulf of Mexico. Cheapest room: unavailable www.basshotels.com/holidayinn
Sea Lodge Motel - Near Sharky's Beach Club, a popular spring break party place. Cheapest room: \$60 per night www.sealodgemotel.com

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April House

April House was named the MIAA Athlete of the Week for track & field after she provisionally qualified in the 55-meter hurdles.

Joe Drake won his duel match on Tuesday night at the 119 lb. weight class. He pinned his opponent helping the 'Hounds to the victory over the Cardinals.

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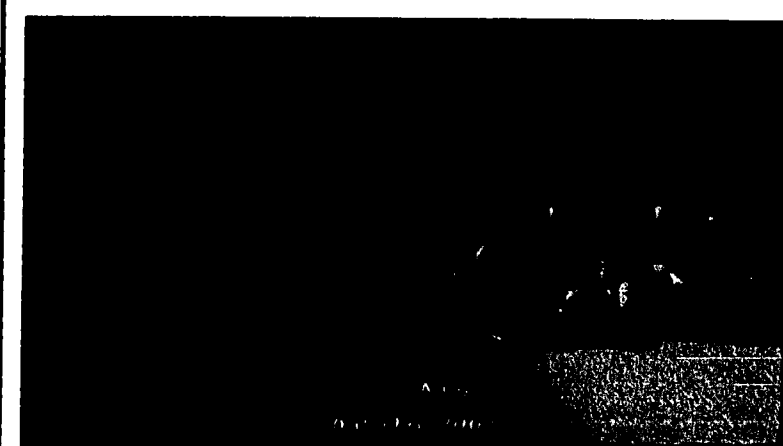
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Safety rules a must for spring breakers

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

Spring break is approaching, and while students are planning their vacation destinations they need to keep in mind safety is important and setting rules can prevent accidents.

Whether students are planning a long distance getaway or a trip to friends, an itinerary should be made up, so family and friends can make contact in case of an emergency.

If a group decides to drive rather than fly, keep in mind that long distance driving without rest is dangerous, and drivers should switch every few hours. There should also be a designated driver in the car at all times.

"Make sure you are taking turns driving and that someone is awake while someone is driving at all times," Virginia Murr, assistant director of student health center said.

It is also essential to make a buddy system. Each person should have full identification and contacts on them, including medical information. Each person should know where everyone is on the trip and medical information that could be essential if something was to happen, Murr said.

"If there are a couple of girls on spring break, there should always be someone getting a call," Murr said. "Someone should always know what route you are taking."

Another part of the buddy system involves alcohol safety. If students decide to drink, they should make sure they are with people they know. Eat before drinking and drink plenty of water between alcoholic drinks.

Students should not combine alcohol and other substances and should watch for date rape drugs

when drinking with someone they do not know.

While many students are planning to work on their tans at the beach, it is important to wear a sunscreen of SPF 30 or above to prevent sunburns and peeling. To avoid heat exposure, drink water every 15 minutes and avoid alcohol, because it increases the risk of dehydration and heatstroke. A common mistake that is made is the "I can fly" idea. Many times new things are tried and at high, unprotected risks. If students do something for the first time, they should wear a helmet to prevent head injuries or protective gear.

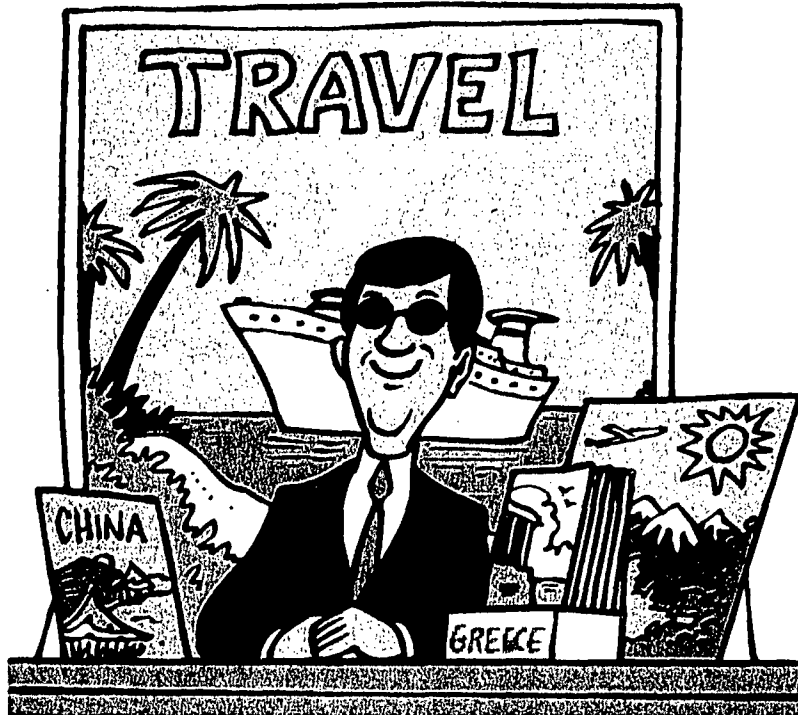
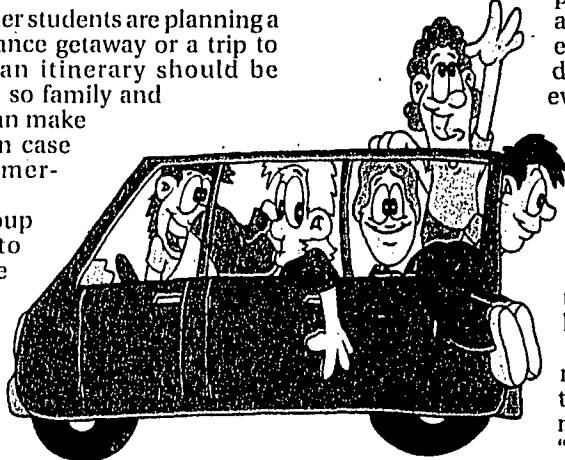
Finally, the most common safety guideline is safe sex. Students should never leave without condoms if they believe they might engage in sexual activity, and they should always let someone in their buddy system know where they are going.

Students need to remember that one in four people between the ages of 18 and 24 has a sexually transmitted disease, and condoms help prevent the spread of these and HIV.

"Everyone thinks because it (spring break) is so far away from home and such an unreal world, they can have real wild fun," Murr said. "Many say because it is not the real world and is only a week of their life that nothing will happen."

Although spring break is traditionally a time to get away from books and stress, students should remember they hold their lives in their hands and safety is number one.

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Arrangements available through travel agents

By CLARK GRELL
CHIEF REPORTER

Spring break may only be one week long, but travel agencies work on travel packages with college students several months prior to the week-long festivities.

Travel agents say the best time for college students to start looking for travel packages is before the Christmas holiday. The longer students wait, the more expensive it is for them to go on a spring break extravaganza.

Loni Schmitz, travel consultant for Cotter Travel Inc., said that locally, many students will not start looking at travel packages through travel agencies until after Jan. 1.

"We have been very busy since the first of the year," Schmitz said. "January is always a rush for people to pick up on travel packages."

Tara Nelson, travel agent for Maryville Travel, said waiting until March to set up a travel package is a large risk to take.

"In March airlines and hotels raise rates," Nelson said. "Even now rates are high."

Cotter Travel Inc. has helped students with many international trips to places such as Cancun and Jamaica but most students that have gone through Cotter Travel Inc. prefer to stay in the United States, said Schmitz.

Nelson said international trips are not always a big interest because of the high expenses they bring.

"Students just don't have the money for those kind of trips," Nelson said. "The international trips don't have the party scene that students like so much."

Many popular places on United States soil include South Padre

Texas, Panama City Beach in Florida and the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Cruises have drawn many groups through Maryville Travel.

Las Vegas has drawn a lot of interest from students this year, Schmitz said.

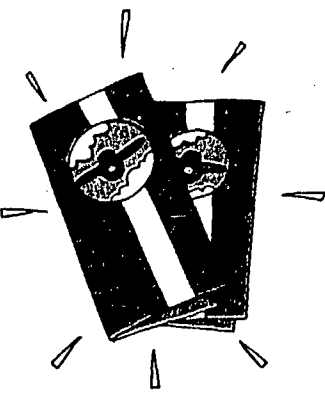
Travel agents say the events of Sept. 11 have not put a damper on spring break plans for college students.

"We haven't noticed anything," Schmitz said. "Business has been normal just like every other year."

Nelson has dealt with many flight packages and said there has been an increase in flight packages.

"We had a slow-down at the beginning of December," Nelson said. "People have been getting into their normal habits and know that it is less time-consuming to fly. You are able to get there earlier and leave there later."

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Travelers biggest part in avoiding airport delays

By JAMIE RINEHART
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Spring Break is almost here but students' fun in the sun could be delayed a little, especially if they plan to travel.

New legislation on airport security has slowed down the travel industry. This could affect those students planning on heading south for the break.

At Kansas City International (KCI) Airport some measures are easily observed. You can no longer park at the curb except to pick up or drop off passengers. When entering the parking garages, there are security guards to search your vehicle and also more security guards on duty at any one time.

The way that KCI is set up by individual gates, the security check lines aren't as long as they are at other airports so they probably will get through the security checkpoints here faster because most airports have only one checkpoint for everyone to go through which further slows down the process," KCI spokesperson Erica Hupp said.

There are also some unobservable changes such as each bag is double checked to see if it belongs to a passenger that has boarded the plane. The airport has added another K-9 unit to their staff and other such improvements.

All bags are being double checked for explosives at the gates and then they are matched to each passenger, meaning that if the passenger does not get on the airplane, neither does their bag.

So what does this mean to all those students heading out for their breaks this year? This means that

anybody traveling, including students, will have more delays in their trip than in the past.

"During the peak travel times, like spring break, I suggest that people show up to the airport at least an hour and a half early and to make sure they don't pack anything that the FAA has requested

people not to pack in their carry-on luggage so they can get quickly through security," said Hupp. Getting through those checkpoints quickly will help relieve some of the stress of traveling, especially in unfamiliar airports.

"Some of the airports that the kids are traveling to, the line through the check points will be about two hours and during spring break, that time could increase by more," said Tera Nelson, a travel agent in Maryville.

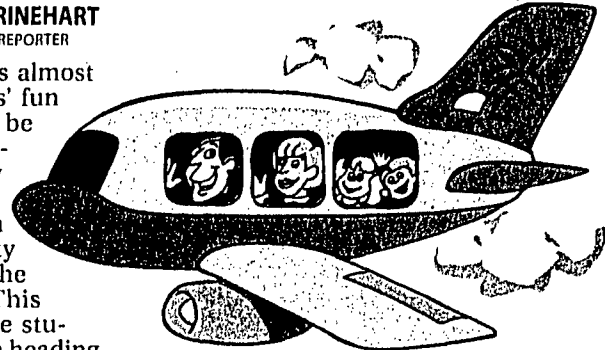
Those students who are planning to travel to Mexico or any other country have to be more careful about what they take with them or bring back.

"The deal used to be that they would be more scrutinized by customs," Hupp said. "Sometimes they (students) try to sneak things through without claiming them so they need to be sure to claim everything they are bringing back."

Travelers often try to sneak plants, food, weapons and other items that they might not be able to get in their area. One restriction will be strictly enforced.

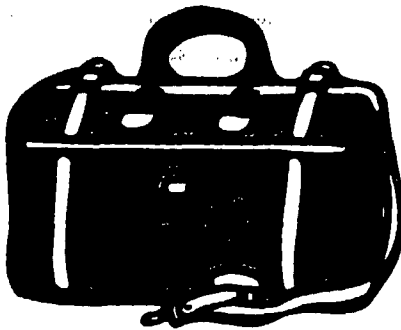
"The restrictions as far as what can be taken into those countries and out are about the same other than the fact that you cannot carry on any type of sharp objects in your carry-on baggage," Nelson said.

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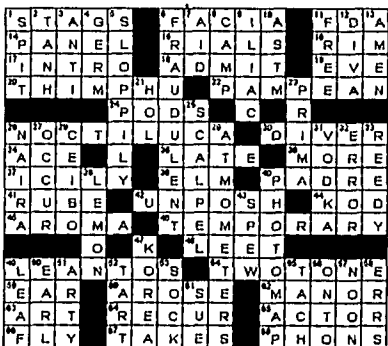
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